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## Two banks raise home loan rates

Lloyds and Midland banks are increasing their mortgage rates to homebuyers. Midland is increasing its rate by half a percentage point to 11.25 per cent from February 1. Lloyds increases its rate from 11 to 11.75 per cent. However, the Lloyds increase does not apply to present borrowers. Page 3

## UN condemns South Africa

The UN Security Council censured South Africa for its offensive into southern Angola against Swapo guerrillas. The resolution was a compromise, averting a clash between Western countries and Angola, which had wanted comprehensive sanctions against Pretoria. Britain and the US abstained. Earlier report, page 4

## Royal holiday

The Prince and Princess of Wales are to start a skiing holiday in Lichtenstein tomorrow. They have agreed to a newspaper photographic session on the understanding that they are left in peace for the rest of the holiday. Page 3

## Tory revolt

A Conservative backbench rebellion over government plans to reduce housing benefits by £230m is gathering momentum. Page 2

## Getty Oil move

Texaco has agreed to pay \$1.3bn (£921m) for an 11.8 per cent stake in Getty Oil amid speculation that a full offer - the largest ever made - may follow. Page 21

## Taking to water

Record sales are expected at this year's Boat Show at Earls Court. Family Money examines the best ways to finance your floating dream. Page 25

## Cigarettes up 2p

Cigarettes manufactured by Gallaher will cost an extra 2p per 20 from January 25. Prices of tobacco and cigars will also rise.

## Mafia shooting

In a flare-up of Mafia activity in Sicily a journalist was shot dead and the Sicilian Deputy Premier was held in connection with investigations of extortion rackets. Page 6

## Liverpool win

Kevin Keegan's return to Liverpool ended in disappointment when his Newcastle United team were beaten 4-0 in the FA Cup third round. Football, page 30

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# Joseph will reform marking of exams to increase passes

From Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent, Sheffield

Ambitious plans to reform school examinations and curricula in bringing between 80 and 90 per cent of secondary pupils up to an average standard were announced yesterday by Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education.

The proposals, outlined by Sir Keith at the North of England Education Conference in Sheffield, were said by the Department of Education and Science to be a very significant development in education policy.

The key strand in Sir Keith's package of reforms is his desire to see most pupils get at least a CSE grade four level across the curriculum. This is the level achieved by pupils of average ability. Some will see the proposal as ambitious, others will dismiss CSE grade four as fairly worthless.

The reform would be achieved by moving away from norm-referencing in examinations - measuring the relative ability of children - to criterion-referencing, measuring them against absolute standards. This should result in many fewer pupils being judged as failures.

Broadly speaking the present examination system, designed for the top 60 per cent of the ability range, or fails children according to how they perform in relation to one another.

It does not tell employers, or anyone else, whether a pupil can do specific tasks, such as calculate percentages in math-

ematics or understand the split infinitive in English. In fact, pupils can pass O-levels without being able to do these things.

"When we try to judge standards, and to improve them, we cannot say precisely what we mean by them," Sir Keith told the 250 delegates.

"Nevertheless, I believe that we ought to be dissatisfied with the standards expected and achieved in our public examinations at 16-plus.

"When we consider what our children and young people have to do in their lives, when we consider the challenge of the world into which they are going, then their examination standards are far from impressive."



Sir Keith: "Standards far from impressive"

In maths, 60 per cent of school leavers get a CSE grade four or above in English the figure is more than 70 per cent.

The latest statistics, for 1981-82, show that 38 per cent of school leavers obtained an O-level pass (grades A-C), or a CSE grade one in English; 28 per cent did so in maths and 15 per cent in physics and French.

Linked to Sir Keith's proposed reforms of examinations is his wish to define the curricula in primary and secondary schools between the ages of five and 16 so that everyone knows what children should be achieving at different ages.

He had no illusions that any of this could be done overnight and said that it would be achieved "over the kind of longer period in which educational advance has always had to be measured".

His speech, which was distinguished by a considerable softening in his attitude towards teachers and their unions, who were invited to take part in talks on the reforms, contained the minimum levels of competence which he believed pupils aged 16 should achieve.

In English pupils should show that they could read straightforward information and pass it on, and in maths that they could do decimals, fractions, percentages, use a calculator and do graphs and geometry.

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## Reagan hopes high for Stockholm

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

President Reagan yesterday gave his clearest indication that he hopes the meeting in Stockholm later this month between Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, and Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, will mark the beginning of a thaw.

Ties between the superpowers have been in deep freeze since the Korean airliner was shot down last September. The Soviet Union has since walked out of the Geneva talks on reducing medium-range missiles after Pershing-2 and cruise began to be deployed in West Germany. Britain and Italy.

In a statement issued after a meeting with Mr James Goody, the head of the US delegation to Stockholm, President Reagan said he wanted to see improved relations with the Soviet Union and called for progress in talks on ways to reduce the risk of a surprise attack.

He said that the presence of

Mr Shultz and Mr Gromyko "will underline the importance the West attaches to a... productive East-West dialogue". Foreign ministers from 35 nations in Europe and North America will attend the conference, which opens on January 17.

President Reagan is expected to make statement on US-Soviet relations in advance of his State of the Union address on January 24.

Mr Shultz and Mr Gromyko are due to hold bilateral talks on January 18 - their first meeting since Madrid last September in the wake of the airline disaster.

The Stockholm meeting, which is an offshoot of the 1973 Helsinki accords and last year's conference in Madrid on European security, will review proposals on how to reduce the risk of conventional war.

Possible measures include advance notification by Nato and the Warsaw Pact of military manoeuvres and improvements in communications such as the "hot line" between Washington and Moscow.

Mr Goody said the Soviet bloc had been sending "relatively positive" signals about the prospects for an agreement on confidence-building measures. However, the Soviet Union seemed to have ruled out an early resumption of the Geneva talks.

Two other important rounds of arms control negotiations - dealing with strategic weapons and conventional forces - have also been adjourned.

## Argentina threat on Falklands

From Our Correspondent, Buenos Aires

Señor Raúl Alfonsín, Argentina's new civilian President, said yesterday that if Britain is unwilling to negotiate sovereignty of the Falkland Islands with his country "we are not willing to negotiate either".

Referring to remarks by Mrs Margaret Thatcher on Thursday, President Alfonsín also said that Britain's continued enforcement of an exclusion zone around the disputed archipelago and "fortification" of the islands "could bring a grave problem, not only for Argentina, but for the South Atlantic".

Mrs Thatcher said on Thursday that Britain would be willing to raise the exclusion zone if Argentina declared an end to hostilities in the region, but refused to consider talks over the Falklands.

President Alfonsín, who was inaugurated on December 10, ending seven years of military rule, called for a cessation of hostilities in the South Atlantic during his campaign for the presidency, but also emphasized the need for negotiations.

● Helicopter lost: An army Lynx helicopter has been missing in the Falklands since Wednesday with its crew of Captain John Bell, from Fife, Yorkshire and Sergeant Roger Jones, from Peterborough (Rodney Cowton writes). The helicopter was on a training flight over West Falkland.

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## Pound falls to record \$1.404 low

By Frances Williams, Economics Correspondent

The pound fell to its lowest ever level against the dollar yesterday as the United States currency continued its relentless climb on international foreign exchange markets.

But the London Stock Exchange, buoyed by cheerful predictions for the economy, pushed shares to new peaks, with the FT index of 30 leading shares rising 10.7 to a record 794.5.

The pound dipped to \$1.404 at one stage, depressed by renewed fears of lower oil prices. But it recovered slightly to end the day half a cent down at \$1.4070, a loss of 4.5 cents on this week.

The pound's weakness against the dollar has put paid to any lingering hopes of a fall in interest rates in the foreseeable future, a view which could be reinforced by poor money supply figures next Tuesday.

The dollar has been supported by expectations of continuing high interest rates and worries about political instability in the Lebanon and Nigeria.

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## 'Showdown' over Warner Murdoch set for biggest battle

From Bailey Morris, Washington

Mr Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation has cleared the way for a full-scale battle for control of Warner Communications, the \$1.2 billion American entertainment group responsible for many of the greatest Hollywood films.

Warner owns one of the most valuable film libraries in the world, which would be vital to Mr Murdoch's ambitions in satellite television.

On Thursday, Mr Murdoch capped a week of frantic activity when he filed a petition with U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission outlining a plan to seek outright control rather than a large minority interest as previously planned.

As the New York Times stated earlier this week: "The story of the Warner battle is really that of three of America's toughest and most closely-matched entrepreneurs locked for the first time in serious combat."

In Wall Street parlance, which has the flavour of a Western, the terms used to describe the takeover attempt are "shoot-out" and "showdown".

forces in an attempt to prevent Mr Murdoch or any other potential suitor from seizing control of the troubled entertainment conglomerate. Warner has fallen on hard times as a result of the collapse of the video games market, which left its Atari business with huge losses.

Their action was prompted by Mr Murdoch's announcement last month that he planned to buy a 7 per cent interest in Warner at a cost

estimated at \$101m "as an investment". The acquisition made Mr Murdoch the largest single shareholder.

Warner and Chris-Craft sought quick approval from the US regulatory authorities of a proposed venture under which they would exchange stock and corporate properties, making it difficult for Mr Murdoch to gain a controlling interest.

Mr Murdoch retaliated by filing his own suit with the US Federal Communications Commission and antitrust authorities, challenging the Warner-Chris-Craft venture on the grounds that it violated the commission's rules.

The prize sought is control of a conglomerate involved in films, consumer electronics, recorded music, book publishing, cable television, comic books, sports and cosmetics.

In addition to Warner Brothers film studio and Warner Brothers television, the company also owns Atlantic Records, Mad magazine, the Atari consumer electronics division, DC Comics, Warner Cosmetics, and Warner Theatre Productions.

Glittering prizes, back page

investment and a new model. It would be the best news for us and would secure our future."

Talks between Talbot and the Department of Industry have been in progress for many months and according to reliable sources last night had come to a successful conclusion when the Poissy dispute erupted.

If it is concluded quickly an announcement of government assistance could still come within the next few weeks.

Talbot UK has told the Government that the introduction of a new car is imperative to protect the jobs of its Coventry employees.

The new model is a still



Saying it with flowers: A Tunisian tank crewman offering a peace offering after the announcement that bread price increases had been cancelled

## Talbot UK may lose aid for new car

By Clifford Webb, Motoring Correspondent

The closure of Peugeot's riot-torn Talbot car plant at Poissy near Paris and legal steps by the company to prepare for a possible liquidation of its Talbot subsidiary combine to place a question mark over financial assistance by the British Government for a new car to be introduced at Talbot UK's Ryton plant near Coventry.

The jobs of Ryton's 1,400 employees are dependent on component supplies from Poissy and these will run out some time next week.

Yesterday Mr Pat Fox, transport union convenor at Poissy, said: "We are calling on Peugeot to restore the faith of the people here with new

secret, light-medium which will take its place between the successful Peugeot 205 super mini and the 505. The plan has been to produce simultaneously in France and Britain but Peugeot will still depend on France for many of its key components."

Last night, a Talbot spokesman said: "All the plans and doom about the future of Ryton is off the mark. Even if the assembly operations at Poissy remain closed for a period we expect other parts of the factory supplying us such as body shop, will reopen quickly."

● PARIS: The factory gates at the Poissy plant remained closed yesterday as thousands of members of the Communist CGT union joined their threatened colleagues at the factory in a march to the Basille to protest against alleged management-provoked violence and racism at the factory (Diana Geddes writes).

Thousands of other demonstrators took part in a rival demonstration at Poissy, organised by the Gaullist RPR Mayor of the town and supported by the right-wing CNI Talbot union and the independent Force Ouvrière calling for the "freedom to work" and accusing the Government of "irresponsibility and cowardice" in its handling of the dispute.

● Land-Rover dispute: Union leaders yesterday agreed that 8,000 Land-Rover workers would strike over pay from next Friday (the Press Association reports).

The decision came at a meeting of shop stewards and national and regional officials at Land-Rover's biggest plant in Solihull, West Midlands, following a 2-1 vote the previous day by the workers in favour of a strike.

## Tax union issues writ over computer

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

The tax workers' union issued a writ against the Inland Revenue last night asking the High Court to overturn suspensions of staff who are refusing to operate new computer equipment.

The writ was served by solicitors representing the Inland Revenue Staff Federation, which has about 450 members in the Midlands suspended or facing suspension on Monday.

The High Court hearing has been fixed for Wednesday.

Notices served on more than 100 staff in a Solihull tax office, warning them that if they refused to work normally they would be suspended without pay, were activated yesterday. Notices to the rest of the 450 staff affected in 14 Midlands tax offices are expected to come into force on Monday.

The union's decision to issue a writ, which is highly unusual in industrial relations, was taken after a day of consultations with lawyers.

The writ claims that the Revenue had not followed agreed disciplinary procedures in issuing the suspensions and that the management's requirement that staff should sign a pledge to work normally should not mean that they had to operate the computer system.

The dispute came to a head after the breakdown of negotiations before Christmas on a new technology agreement. The Inland Revenue refused a demand that the agreement should include a commitment of no compulsory redundancies.

The 14 offices in seven towns are part of a pilot scheme to computerize the PAY As You Earn system, which is expected to cost £200m and lead to annual savings of £50m.

Staff have been asked to use keyboard and visual display units linked to a computer in Telford, Shropshire, to handle most clerical work, including coding assessments and tax returns.

The Inland Revenue, which the union says has lost 13,000 jobs in the next four years, of which 4,000 are related to computerization of PAYE.

The union's policy of non-cooperation without a no-redundancy agreement was set at a special conference in 1982. Staff in the 14 offices voted in a secret ballot earlier this week by 320-109 to support a work but expect to be prevented from entering offices by management.

The system was due to "go live" on Tuesday. Staff whose suspension is due to start on Monday will turn up for work but expect to be prevented from entering offices by management.

The union said its legal action was entering "uncharted territory".

## Price rises cancelled in Tunisia

From Geoffrey Morrison, Tunis

Tank tans and semi-deadened since bloody bread riots swept the city on Tuesday, Tunisia took on a public holiday atmosphere yesterday, as people flocked out to celebrate President Bourguiba's 60th birthday.

Many of his supporters, who were occupying the streets, were occupied only by tanks and a few cautious policemen - lifted with motorists holding their horns and processions of youths waving the Tunisian flag or portraits of the President.

● Long live Bourguiba: We would shed our blood for his sake, was one of the slogans shouted by the apparently spontaneous demonstrators. Only three days earlier some of them, mainly the young unemployed, were calling for his blood and that of his Prime Minister, Mr Mohamed M'Zali.

The state of emergency and curfew remain in force, but most observers believe the current is probably over.

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## Lloyds and Midland raise mortgage rates but stay in home loan market

By Peter Wilson-Smith

Two of the big four clearing banks, Lloyds and Midland, are increasing their mortgage rates to homebuyers.

Midland, previously the cheapest among the big banks for home loans, is increasing its rate by 1/2 per cent to 11.25 per cent from February 1. Endowment mortgages are also going up to 11.75 per cent for present borrowers and 12.25 per cent for new borrowers.

Lloyds is pushing through a bigger increase, from 11 per cent to 11.75 per cent, making its home loans more expensive than the other big banks and the basic rate charged by building societies. However, the increase will not apply to present borrowers. New borrowers who opt for an endowment mortgage will pay 12.75 per cent compared with the previous rate of 11.50 per cent.

Midland said yesterday that it had held its rate since November 1982, and the increase simply brought it into line with market conditions. It is also sharply increasing its lending after the cutback last year when Midland lent about £150m. Midland has reserved £500m for home loans this year.

Lloyds said yesterday it still

MORTGAGE RATES (%)		
	Gross Annual monthly repayments	Cost per £1,000 over 25 years
Barclays	11.25	10.08
Lloyds	11.25	10.08
Midland	11.25	10.08
Natwest	11.25	10.08
Bank of Scotland	11.25	10.08
Building Societies	11.25	10.08

Cost per £1,000 over 25 years

intended to stay in the home loans market but has set aside only £250m for this year, compared with the £450m that it lent primarily in the first half of last year. Lloyds has also introduced a £100 arrangement fee for new borrowers for the first time.

The increases from Lloyds and Midland are not expected to lead to a general upward movement in mortgage rates. Barclays has no plans to increase its rates but it is still restricting loans to about £25m a month.

National Westminster, which is lending about £80m a month, said it had no change to announce although rates were constantly under review.

There is still hope that building society home loan rates

will fall within the next few months, although not before March at the earliest.

The attractive rates offered by the building societies to savers have helped to ensure a continued large inflow of funds. Figures for last month, to be announced by the Building Societies Association next week, are expected to show record net receipts in December. These are expected to total between £800m to £900m, the fourth consecutive month that the inflow will have exceeded £800m.

That in turn would make last year the building societies' best for attracting savings despite the poor first half.

Next week's figures from the association are likely to show that mortgage lending last year rose to about £19,500m compared with £15,300m in 1982 and £12,000m in 1981. This year most of the big societies are expected to increase their lending by about a further 20 per cent.

Only Abbey National among the big building societies is eager to see an early cut in mortgage rates but it has been unable to convince others in the movement.

## Guest house in Highlands joins list of world's best

From David Black Glasgow

A six-bedroom guest house in the Scottish Highlands has joined such names as the Ritz Carlton in New York, the Hotel de France at Auch, near Toulouse, and the Hilton group on a list of the world's best hotels.

The owners, managers and staff of the Tigh-Na-Straith Guest House in Crinanich, Mr and Mrs Alexander Chisholm, were delighted to learn yesterday of the distinction gained by their remote and homely establishment, awarded by the British Guild of Travel Writers.

"In this business you are never too sure of your compliments", Mr Chisholm said. "But I did have one man who introduced himself as a perfectionist and told me that this was the first time he had ever met it in an hotel."

He attributed their success to the small size of the guest house. "You control it, it doesn't control you. As a result, not only do I have more time for my guests, but more important, more time for my wife and three children."

That philosophy makes for a happy house, which Mr Chisholm believes is more important for guests than five-star cuisine, Jacuzzi, and 24-hour cocktail bars.

That is not to say that the Tigh-Na-Straith is without mod cons. For £7.50 a night guests have a television set and automatic tea-maker in every room.

Breakfast is large and traditional. There is no bar, but the Chisholms are not "think it fitting for a family hotel, but there is a hairdressing salon."

"I don't advertise", Mrs



Small photograph: Tom Kidd

Janice Chisholm

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Her hairdressing

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## Glands sold for 25p, mortuary chief says

Mr Peter Everett, superintendent of Southwark mortuary in south London, yesterday told Southwark Crown Court that there were corrupt mortuaries all over the country.

On the third day of the trial of a man charged with conspiring to steal from corpses, Mr Everett said there were both "legitimate" and "non-legitimate" fiddlers.

Examples of the legitimate fiddlers, he told the court, were the measuring of bodies for undertakers, for which mortuary assistants would get tips from undertakers and the removing of pituitary glands from the brains of corpses.

The court was told a pituitary gland would fetch about 25p when sold for medical research. Mr Everett said that it was not unusual for illegal transactions to take place at mortuaries. "It is well known throughout the country that there are a lot of corrupt mortuaries," he said.

Aston Holmes, aged 18, a mortuary assistant, faces a charge of conspiracy to steal from the Borough of Southwark between November, 1981, and October, 1982. He also denies inciting Mr Everett to steal property from the borough.

The trial was adjourned until Monday.

## Party ends with house ablaze

Two young party guests were rescued from the roof of a blazing £400,000 house in Wimbledon, south west London on Thursday. Others ran to safety.

Mr and Mrs Anthony Black were away from their 1920s oak-timbered home at the time. The party was given by their younger son, aged 16. An electrical fault is suspected.

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## Aids contracted by elderly couple

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Doctors treating cases of the disease Aids (acquired immune deficiency syndrome) have reported that the conditions can be transmitted heterosexually between couples with no extramarital relations. More disturbing still, it can be passed on before the carrier shows outward signs of the illness.

The condition has been regarded as a disease affecting mainly promiscuous homosexuals, female sexual partners of male intravenous drug abusers, and bisexuals.

But a report in the latest issue of the *Annals of Internal Medicine* describes a case involving an elderly couple in the United States who both contracted the illness.

The circumstances so startled the doctors treating them that two teams of specialists, one from the University of Miami Medical School and the other from the Centre for Disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia, conducted an investigation.

The couple were in their seventies and had been married for 50 years. The husband came down with overt symptoms of Aids in January last year and died in May. He was a haemophilia sufferer and is

believed to have contracted Aids from the injections of a contaminated blood product known as Factor VIII, used to stimulate clotting.

The doctors are in no doubt that the wife caught the disease from her husband. It is not uncommon in other infections for the causative organism to spread before the first victim has developed clear symptoms of illness.

Many medical researchers suspect that Aids is caused by a virus-type agent which, depending on circumstances, can be spread by blood, products, blood-contaminated needles, or sexual contact.

In this case, since the wife was not a member of any group considered at risk, the research team, led by Dr. Arthur Pitchenik, of the University of Miami, concluded that she had acquired the disease from her husband in sexual intercourse.

The wife





Old place, new face: A soldier on patrol in Lagos, and General Buhari at his first press conference

## Lagos honeymoon for soldiers and civilians

From Kenneth Mackenzie  
Lagos

"Happy New Year, happy new government." Thus two Nigerians in Broad Street, Lagos, yesterday for the first time in 1984. The smiles and repeated glad handshakes were typical of the mood in Nigeria.

Democracy is dead, but no one is mourning. Honeymoon is almost too mild a term for the love affair that the Nigerian people are having with the military Government of Major-General Mohammed Buhari.

The general himself made an excellent impression at his first press conference on Thursday, as he had done in all his public utterances. He speaks concisely (perhaps he has a good speechwriter), and he also read the complicated economic statistics about the mess Nigeria is in as if he understood them.

Whether the Government will be able to translate a recognition of the problem into effective action to end

it will decide whether the honeymoon will last.

There is little vindictiveness. The former politicians are being detained, but reportedly in a comfortable, if not luxurious, manner. The story about former President Shagari being brought to Lagos in handcuffs is untrue.

General Buhari made clear that the corrupt would be punished, and the regime is keen to obtain restitution of the money stolen from the economy. But there will be no bloodbath.

Some of those regarded as the principal offenders have fled some to Britain, which may pose problems about requests for extradition. Britain refused to send back General Yakubu Gowon in 1975 but agreed to return Chief Anthony Enahoro in 1963.

The failures and corruption of the Shagari Government had been known for some time. Why there was there a coup at this particular time?

One informed source said it was a pre-emptive strike. The main purpose was to prevent a rising by junior, more revolutionary officers. This would have caused much blood-letting.

### Wanted minister flees to Britain

The former Nigerian Transport Minister, Mr Umaru Dikko, declared a wanted man by the new military Government, has fled to Britain (Reuters reports). It is not known how he escaped.

One of his many responsibilities in the deposed Government was the supervision of rice imports. There had been much grumbling that huge quantities of the staple were sold by retailers at four times the import price after going through the hands of middlemen who were members of the ruling party.

The senior officers who are now in power - mostly, but not exclusively, from the northern Muslim establishment - must have had contingency plans ready for months.

The rigged election in August made things worse. Then came a brief period of optimism as President Shagari introduced new faces into his Cabinet and seemed about to act decisively.

By December these hopes were fading. Nothing was being done and economic collapse seemed to be moving nearer, not to mention a serious decline in law and order. The austerity budget meant higher prices, notably of petrol. Strikes by transport workers, teachers and others were imminent.

But most threatening of all were the rumblings from the lower ranks. Finally the holiday weekend over the New Year, when government ministers and their defenders were dispersed, provided an irresistible opportunity.

General Buhari refused to speculate at his press conference about a return to civilian rule. That was something that the Supreme Military Council had not yet contemplated. Their first priority was to put the economy right.

## The Tunisian riots

### Unemployed youth protest ends era of cosy politics

From Godfrey Morrison, Tunis

It all began in Tunisia's impoverished and semi-desert far south when the price of the popular, flat 700-gramme loaf was raised from 80 millimes (about 8p) to 170 millimes (about 17p).

Very cheap bread by Western standards, but when the minimum wage for a worker, who usually has a huge family to support, is only about £3 a day it is a considerable sum.

The interesting thing about the last week's disturbances, however, is that they were mainly caused by the young unemployed, a section of society who until now have been largely ignored by both President Bourguiba's Government and political analysts.

As the unrest continued other organized or semi-organized political forces, ranging from the far left through Muslim fundamentalists to the well-organized trade unions, all tried to leap on the bandwagon. Even Colonel Gaddafi had his 60 millimes worth of some hostile comments from neighbouring Libya.

But right until the moment when President Bourguiba made his volte face, cancelling the increases, it was the rage of the unemployed which dominated the protest, and it was they who alarmed the Government.

"Tunisia will never be the same again," was how one diplomat put it.

Until now Tunisian politics has been a cosy affair, with Mr Bourguiba's Destourian Socialist Party holding a virtual monopoly of power, checked only by the powerful trade union confederation, the UGTT.

But - a fact often not appreciated in the West - in Tunisia, as in much of the developing world, salaried workers, and particularly organized ones, form an élite, privileged section of the com-

## 'Carlos' lays claim to three bomb attacks

Paris (AFP) - The international terrorist "Carlos" has been identified as the author of a letter claiming responsibility for bombing the French cultural institute in Tripoli, Lebanon, on New Year's Day and, for two bombings in France the previous day which killed five people informed sources said here yesterday.

Handwriting experts positively identified Carlos (Ilich Ramirez Sanchez) as the writer of one of two letters sent to the Agence France-Presse office in West Berlin.

The message was from his "Organization of the Armed Arab Struggle", a group thought to have been inactive since 1975. Carlos is understood by the intelligence services to be in East Berlin.

### Sacked Nato general's denial

Bonn (Reuters) - General Günther Kießling denied reports that he had been effectively dismissed as Deputy Supreme Commander of Nato forces in Europe because he was a homosexual.

"Never in my life have I had homosexual contacts of any kind," the 58-year-old West German general told a newspaper in a telephone interview. "Thursday's terse announcement had raised rumours."

### Costly affair

New York (AP) - The revelation of her seven-year lesbian affair with her secretary, Marilyn Barnett has lost Billie Jean King and her sports promoter husband more than \$2m (£1.3m) in endorsements of tennis clothes, jeans and hostess. The tennis star says in a magazine interview.

### AIDS drops

Washington (AFP) - There was a big drop in reported cases of the mysterious and lethal illness AIDS - acquired immune deficiency syndrome - in the US in the last quarter of 1983. The Health Department reported. The figure of 204 compared to 546 and 563 cases in the preceding quarters.

### Kingston riot

Kingston (AFP) - At least four people were killed when police moved in on youth gangs in Trench Town, known as "The Ghetto" of Jamaica's capital. A total of 160 people were arrested. Three people were shot dead earlier in the week.

### Assam rampage

Delhi (SFP) - The Assam Government has enlisted a noted hunter to hunt and kill a lion elephant leading a herd on the rampage through Jorhat district. The plantations have been destroyed and seven people killed.

### Brussels choice

Brussels (Reuters) - Brussels residents on private cable TV began receiving yesterday two BBC channels in addition to their Belgian, three French, three West German, two Dutch and a Luxembourg station. (Cost: about £50).

### Boxer charged

Rome (AFP) - Maurizio Lupano, the last opponent of the Italian boxer Salvatore Laserna, who died in a coma on Monday from injuries received in the bout, is to be prosecuted for "unintentionally inflicting fatal injuries." He could be jailed for up to 18 years.

### \$64,000 question

Sydney (Reuters) - Australian police are looking for the owner of \$64,000 (£40,000) in cash found hidden in the door of a car by a Sydney man who bought it two years ago. It will be his in three months if the owner is not traced.

### Jet fright

Madrid - A Spanish DC9 had to abort its take-off from Barcelona last Tuesday when a Boeing 727 from Paris landed in front of it on the runway, the airport director confirmed.

### Art fishers

Livorno (Reuters) - The town council of Livorno has approved a search for sculptures thrown into a canal in a rage by the Italian artist Amedeo Modigliani in 1906.

### Space workers

Moscow (Reuters) - Eight Soviet research satellites launched simultaneously from one carrier rocket on Thursday began immediately relaying information back to ground near Moscow.

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## The battle of Poissy

### Foretaste of industrial strife

From Diana Geddes, Paris

The violent conflict at Talbot's Poissy factory outside Paris has given the Government a taste of what it can probably expect over the coming months as the recession deepens and union resistance hardens to the mass redundancies being prepared in many of France's drastically overmanned, uncompetitive industries.

So far, the Government has managed to keep unemployment at about two million by dint of substantial outlays of public money to pay for job training schemes for the young unemployed and early retirement for older workers. But it cannot continue to stanch the unemployment haemorrhage indefinitely without putting its economic policies at risk.

As the Government surveys the wreckage left by the one-month-old Talbot conflict, with the Poissy factory indefinitely closed, its 16,000 employees laid off, and more than 120 workers injured in clashes, it is no doubt wishing that it had never described the redundancy agreement it concluded with France's largest privately owned car manufacturer as a "model" for similar cases of "industrial restructuring" in-

volving compulsory redundancies.

It is true that the Government had not reckoned with the growing distrust and desperation of the workers. They are frightened, and they no longer believe in promises. They know as well as the management that the Poissy factory is desperately overmanned.

It has been estimated that given a similar level of automation at Poissy as at most other French car factories, only half the workforce of the plant's 16,000 workers would be required to continue to produce its present output of 1,000 cars a day.

The vast majority of workers who are to be made redundant are immigrants, mostly from North Africa. Many have little or no education and would find it difficult to retrain for a new job. They are all too aware of

the misty fate that has been awaiting France, and many no link it would be wisest and safest to "go home". One of his chief demands is for government grants to aid their return.

It is interesting and all the more worrying for the Government that the normally moderate, Socialist, CFDT union, representing albeit only a small minority of the Poissy workers, has taken the toughest line in this dispute.

Poissy has had trouble with its Talbot factory ever since it acquired it from the American Chrysler company in 1978. Production has fallen by more than half from 450,000 cars a year to less than 200,000 and the accumulated deficit since 1980 totals 9bn francs (£530m).

While in the past the Government has been reluctant to intervene in the dispute, it has now taken a more active role. It has ordered the factory to be closed and the workers to be laid off.

## Iran keeps Talbot UK in business

From Clifford Webb, Motoring Correspondent

In less than five years the Talbot UK workforce has been cut from nearly 25,000 to 6,000 and production of cars has fallen from 200,000 a year to only 36,000.

Since the closure of the Linwood plant in Scotland in 1981 the French-owned company has been reduced to only two plants in Britain - Ryton, near Coventry assembling French cars and the nearby Stoke factory producing "kits" of parts for Iran.

The combined Peugeot-Talbot share of the British car market was only 4 per cent last year compared with the 8 per cent held by Talbot alone five years ago.

Stoke concentrates on the £150m a year contract to supply the Iran National Car Company with major components for the Paykan car which is based on the 20-year-old Hillman Hunter design.

Problems with Ayatollah Khomeini's Government looked like ending this lucrative business two years ago but it has recovered and this year Talbot expects to ship more than the 100,000 kits delivered last year.

The resurrection of the Iran contract is the chief reason why Talbot United Kingdom made a trading profit of £7.9m in the first half of 1983 and is expected to announce an even bigger profit next month.

This is in contrast with the parent Peugeot group which is believed to have lost £180m last year and one reason why Peugeot is unlikely to consider the closure of Talbot UK in its entirety.

The future of Ryton is more in the balance. Last year its 1,400 workers produced only 36,000 Horizons, Solars and Alpines, duplicating French production of these aging models.

It is dependent on Poissy for the bulk of its body panels, engine blocks and cylinder heads. It receives gearboxes from another French plant not affected by the present dispute.

Car production experts discount claims made by Talbot UK that Ryton could exist without Poissy by drawing supplies from which already supplies 10 per cent of Ryton's body pressings.

Two years ago Talbot UK received £1m from the British Government to help introduce the Horizon to Ryton. It also has an outstanding government loan of £22m which is a legacy of the rescue of its predecessor Chrysler UK in 1976.

## Bishops advise Filipinos they may boycott polls

From Keith Dalton  
Manila

Philippine church leaders yesterday advised voters that they may be morally justified in boycotting a forthcoming plebiscite and national elections.

The controversial stand was taken by the nine-member administrative council of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines in a pastoral letter to be read tomorrow in all Catholic churches in the country.

The four-page letter rec-

ommended that Filipinos follow their consciences when deciding whether to take part in the two electoral exercises.

It added: "In the light of the unusual circumstances in our country today, the right of citizens not to participate in political exercises they consider contrary to the dictates of conscience has to be respected."

In the plebiscite on January 27, the people will be asked to vote on proposed electoral changes and plans to restore the office of Vice-President, which

was abolished under the 1973 martial law constitution. In May, elections are to be held for the 183-seat National Assembly.

Five opposition groups, announced the formation of a new alliance with the principal aim of introducing a transitional government "once Mr Marcos resigns or is removed from office."

Before the end of the month leaders of various opposition groups will form an 11-man

## 8,000 out as Poles purge party

Warsaw (Reuters) - About 8,000 members of Poland's Communist Party have been expelled since October as part of a drive to reform the party after the Solidarity crisis, a party spokesman said yesterday.

Mr Jerzy Majka, the chief of the Central Committee's information Department, said the expulsions were for inactivity and not fulfilling the duties of party membership.

About 5,000 new members have been admitted, who could be expected to be more active in party work and relate their jobs more closely to the lives of ordinary Poles, he said.

In elections to party posts held since October, about 30 per cent of officials lost their positions. Sources said the results did not seem to represent sweeping changes but indicated the party had pressed ahead with efforts to reform itself after Solidarity's challenge to its rule.

## Likud partner threatens to leave coalition

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

The protracted battle to secure an across-the-board 9 per cent cut in the Israeli budget intensified yesterday, with a number of important ministries voicing opposition and one party threatening to desert the ruling Likud coalition.

After yesterday's session of the ministerial committee, appointed to secure the cuts, it was reported that only three ministries - energy, housing and communications - had submitted detailed plans for the belt-tightening. Another session will be held next week.

The discussions are taking place amid speculation about the uncertain future of the coalition. The unease grew with a warning by Dr Josef Burg, the Interior Minister, that the Likud now faces a possible parliamentary "ambush" by a

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The small Tami party has said it will cross the floor of the Knesset if the proposed 9 per cent cut in the welfare budget is not reduced. The party is also demanding increased wages for lower-paid workers.

Israel radio reported that Mr Moshe Arens, the Defence Minister, had spoken of "cuts that would be real and would really hurt" in the defence budget.

Against this background of ministerial wrangling over the vital, with inflation close to 200 per cent, the Histadrut trade union federation announced that a new campaign of disruption against the Government's economic policy will begin next week.

## Gemayel hails peace troops as martyrs

Beirut (Reuters) - President Gemayel yesterday said soldiers of the Beirut multinational force killed in Lebanon were martyrs and thanked them "for every drop of blood" they had shed.

"The soldiers of the multinational force who fell in Lebanon have fallen as martyrs for values, principles and concepts worthy of sacrifice," he told the Beirut diplomatic corps in a new year address.

The Lebanese people had a burden of gratitude for all the help extended to us and for every drop of blood shed for us and on our soil in pursuit of the country's freedom.



Rear-Admiral Black: A flying visit to London

## Far East naval visit beset by problems

By Rodney Cowton  
Defence Correspondent

The British aircraft carrier Invincible will enter dry-dock in Singapore on Monday for repairs to a bearing in a propeller shaft.

Rear-Admiral Jeremy Black, who is commanding the good will visit in the Far East, has meanwhile returned to Britain. The ships under his command, apart from Invincible, include escort vessels and supply ships.

The Ministry of Defence yesterday denied suggestions that Admiral Black had returned to London because of various problems which have arisen during the Far East deployment.

A spokesman said that Admiral Black was Flag Officer First Flotilla and apart from the task group with Invincible his responsibilities included other destroyer and frigate squadrons. The Far East deployment began in September and the ships are not due to return to Britain until April. In such an extended deployment it was normal for an officer in Admiral Black's position to have other responsibilities.

It had other responsibilities for him to do so while Invincible was in dry-dock, the spokesman said. Nevertheless, the task group, which is Britain's largest

deployment in the Far East for many years, has been beset by an embarrassing number of problems. One of the purposes of the deployment is to encourage sales of British defence equipment.

The fact that the Ministry of Defence will not say whether the Invincible is carrying nuclear weapons led to difficulties in Australia and caused Japan to decline a visit from the ship.

A proposed visit to Hong Kong also had to be cancelled because of fears it might have an adverse effect on negotiations with China about the future of the colony.

While in New Zealand members of the crew complained to journalists that Invincible was an unhappy ship. This appears to be refuted by a claim by the Ministry of

Defence that requests for transfers from Invincible were below the average for the fleet as a whole.

The ministry insists that the task group will have a full programme during the remain-

der of the deployment, though the loss of the visits to Hong Kong and Japan must mean that there are holes which have to be filled. The Ministry refused yesterday to say what the remainder of the programme would be.

Invincible will be joined at Singapore by two supply ships, the Royal Fleet Auxiliaries Olmeda and Regent. The frigate Rothesay in company with the fleet auxiliaries Appleleaf will arrive at Tonga on Tuesday for a visit of several days.

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## Anti-Mafia journalist murdered

## Sicily's Deputy Premier held in crackdown

From John Earle  
Rome

Signor Salvatore Stornello, the deputy Premier of the Sicilian regional government, was arrested yesterday near Palermo on a warrant issued by a Rome magistrate investigating the activities of a Mafia-type gang specializing in extortion rackets.

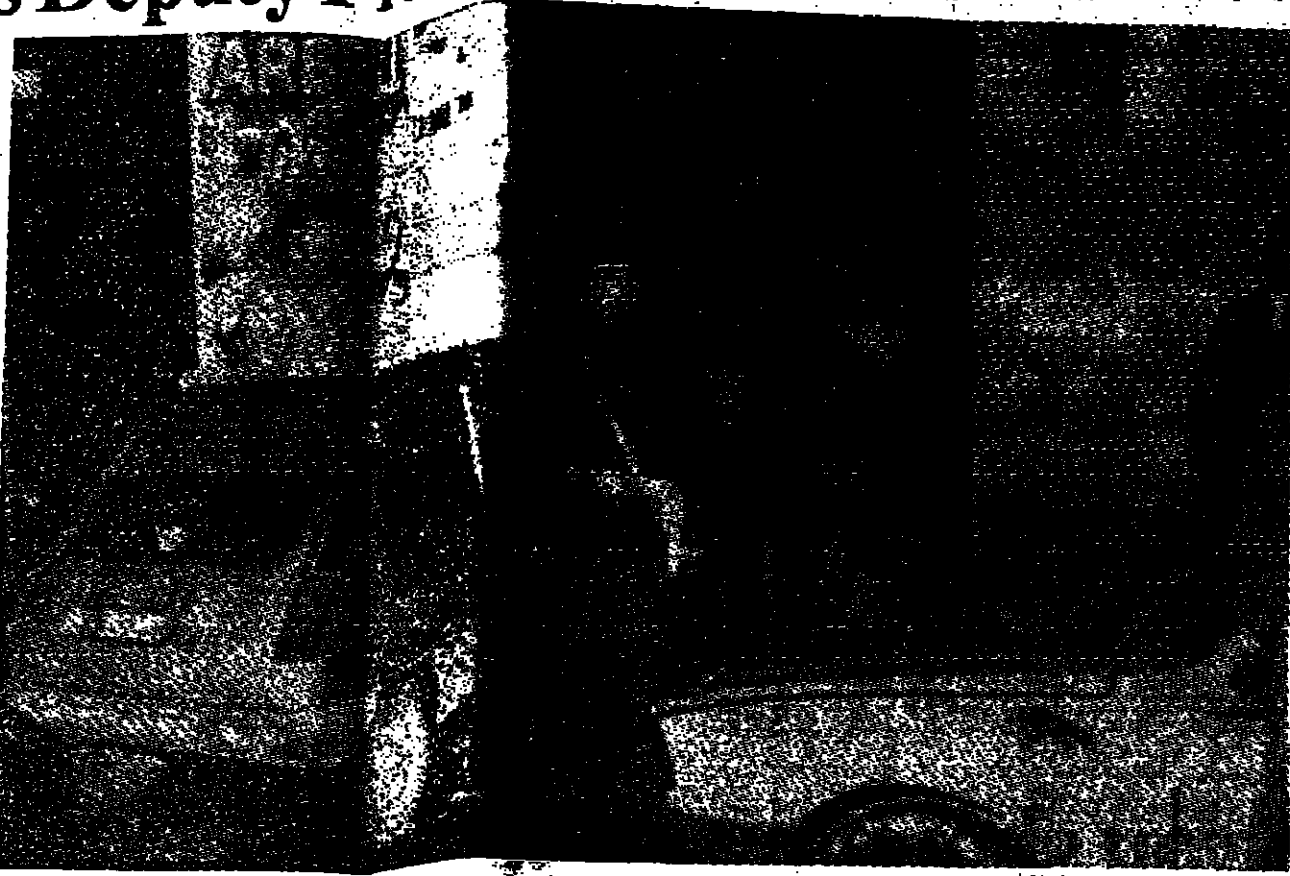
Signor Stornello, aged 59, is a member of Signor Bettino Craxi's Socialist Party. He is responsible for environmental questions in the regional government.

Sicilians heard of Signor Stornello's arrest while still shocked by the murder on Thursday evening in Catania of Signor Giuseppe Fava, a journalist and novelist, also aged 59, who had made violence and the Mafia the main theme of his writings. He was shot dead a few yards from the municipal theatre, where he was apparently going to collect his five-year-old niece, who had a small child's part in the play.

On the slopes of Mt Etna, outside Catania, three other men were also shot dead on Thursday in unconnected cases.

The Rome magistrate issued 11 other warrants, mostly for people on the fringes of the Rome business and political world. Court sources said that one event under investigation was the shooting in Paris and apparent extortion of money in 1982 from a private secretary of Mr Adrian Kasheg, the Arab arms dealer.

Other investigations were reported to centre on extortion attempts over housing contracts after the Naples earthquake of 1980, and over a loan made by the late Roberto Calvi's Banco



Mafia ambush: Police examining the car in which Signor Fava, a journalist, was shot dead in Catania

Ambrosiano to the spa at Finggi, south of Rome.

Signor Stornello's arrest was the latest instance of how for the atmosphere of corruption appears to have affected the top levels of Italy's semi-autonomous regional governments.

Another Socialist, Signor Alberto Teardo, is one of a group in jail awaiting trial in connection with the award of housing and public works contracts, when he was Premier

of Liguria. Signor Mario Andino, of the Proletarian Party, who was last month arrested in a Mafia investigation into irregularities and laundering of Mafia money. Mafia "executions" routinely saw the bodies of their victims in a pool of acid, when they disappeared completely in two days, the Italian media reported yesterday.

The Rome daily *Il Messaggero* said a "repentant" Mafia gangster, who recently became a police informer, described the workings of a Mafia "tribunal".

According to a Rome radio report, police have identified at least several people whose bodies disappeared "in the liquid of fire".

Details of Mafia "justice" emerged two days after police discovered a Mafia "torture

chamber" in central Palermo and arrested nine people.

Police also seized weapons and explosives in the raid on a warehouse which contained the "torture chamber" for rival gang members. Police found a rope hanging from a ceiling beam, which they said would be attached to the victims' legs and looped around the neck so that any stiffening of the legs tightened the noose.

## The sniffer plane scandal

## Real-life drama of spies, Swiss banks, presidents and oil

From John Morrison  
of Reuters, Paris

France's latest bestseller reads like a Jean-Paul Belmondo comedy thriller, but despite the high drama and low farce the story is factual and political reputations are threatened.

A secret report published this week involves aircraft, oilfields, spies, presidents and prime ministers, claims of a revolutionary scientific invention and huge sums of money passing secretly through Swiss bank accounts.

The "sniffer planes" affair has been seized by the Government as a chance to embarrass the opposition, particularly the former President M. Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, and his Prime Minister, M. Raymond Barre.

When the laughing stops the chances of both men returning to high office may be damaged.

The sniffer planes at the centre of the story were supposed to revolutionise prospecting for oil and gas by detecting deposits from the air. Between 1976 and 1979 the French state oil company Elf sunk hundreds of millions of francs into the plan with the backing of M. Giscard d'Estaing and M. Barre before finding it apparently had been hoaxed.

Although Elf eventually recovered some of its money, the affair cost it between 742m and 786m francs.

Because of the secrecy surrounding it, only a handful of people knew about the project, even after it collapsed.

Instructed by M. Barre, France's court des Comptes - the public spending audit authority - investigated the story for a year and in 1980 produced a confidential report in six copies only.

M. Bernard Beck, ex president of the Court des Comptes, said he destroyed his copy in a shredder.

The Prime Minister M. Pierre Mauroy, made the report public and accused M. Giscard d'Estaing and M. Barre of trying to conceal the project from their successors when they left office in 1981.

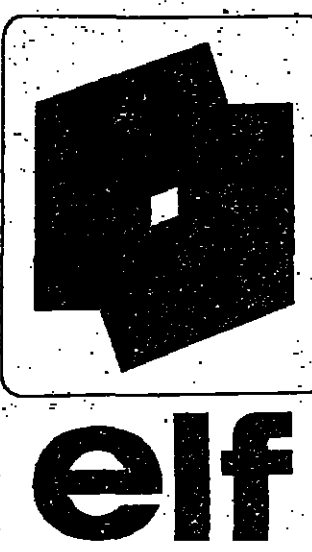
M. Mauroy's decision to publish the report has caused political shockwaves in France. Bonassoli, kept Elf technical staff at arm's length, warning of radiation if they got close to the equipment they had devised to detect oil and gas deposits.

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Results of three years' use of



into a scheme which was supposed to solve France's energy crisis but turned out to be a worthless fake.

In 1976 Elf agreed to pay 200m Swiss francs to Count Alain de Villegas, a Belgian businessman, for the use of a device he said would revolutionize oil prospecting.



M. Pierre Guillaumat: Former Elf chairman, who has accepted full responsibility in the affair

First results were described as astonishing, and the project won the enthusiastic backing of M. Giscard d'Estaing, who authorized the state-owned holding company Elf-Erap to go ahead in secrecy.

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the equipment in France, South Africa, Gabon, Morocco and elsewhere were inconclusive.

In 1979 the French Industry Minister M. André Giraud, who had previously been kept in the dark, insisted on a scientific test of the system. M. Jules Horowitz, the research director at France's atomic energy commission, was assigned to test the equipment, which according to Signor Bonassoli worked by decoding data carried by neutrino particles.

M. Horowitz put a ruler behind a wall. Without telling Signor Bonassoli, he bent it into the shape of a V. On Signor Bonassoli's video monitor screen there appeared an image of the ruler - without the bend.

Closer checks revealed that the equipment was incapable of detecting or decoding external signals, but merely reproduced prerecorded data - in this case a drawing on a sheet of paper.

Signor Bonassoli's equipment, including videorecorders and computers, did produce pictures of geological structures, but only by making use of information supplied by Elf itself.

The report said that Elf could have insisted on carrying out M. Horowitz's simple ruler test three years earlier, but refused to admit the possibility that the scheme was bogus.

The report criticizes Elf for failing to check the records of Count de Villegas and Signor Bonassoli.

It was not until 1979 that Signor Bonassoli's claim to have done research at the Enrico Fermi Research Institute in Milan was proven false.

The "atmosphere of conspiracy" surrounding the project left no room for checks of any kind, and the original 1976 agreement left Elf no legal redress or any way of recovering its money.

The scheme was launched partly because of recommendations by the former French Prime Minister, M. Antoine Pinay, now aged 92, and by two middlemen - M. Philippe de Weck, president of the Union des Banquiers Suisses, and M. Jean Violette, a French lawyer with past links to French espionage services.

Mr de Weck, acting in a personal capacity, masterminded a web of complicated financial transactions between Elf and Count de Villegas, involving front companies.

What the French Government would like to know is what happened to the huge sums paid by Elf to Count de Villegas, who has now disappeared.

Interviewed by telephone from Italy by French radio, Signor Bonassoli denied the charges of scientific fraud and maintained his equipment was genuine.

He said he had now lost touch with Count de Villegas and when asked what happened to the missing money, said he had no idea.

## Lady Young will visit Falklands next week

By Rodney Cowton

Lady Young, the Minister of State at the Foreign Office, will pay an unexpected visit to the Falkland Islands next week.

She is in the Caribbean where she has been visiting Grenada and consulting governments in the area. She will spend tomorrow night in Dakar, Senegal, before going to Ascension Island and the Falklands.

The Foreign Office said the purpose of the visit was to familiarize herself with the situation in the Falklands. She will meet Sir Rex Hunt, the Civil Commissioner, councillors and as many of the islanders as possible.

One of the matters under

consideration is a recommendation by Lord Shackleton that a fisheries protection zone, extending 200 miles around the Falklands, should be established.

ST GEORGE'S: Lady Young yesterday arrived in the Grenadian capital British aid to the island is likely to be on the agenda (Reuters reports). Lady Young met Sir Paul Scoon, the Governor-General.

Canada's Minister for External Relations, Mr Jean-Luc Pepin, also arrived in the nearby island of St Lucia at the start of a three-nation Caribbean tour aimed at helping

## Reagan's surprise for Cuba

From Christopher Follett  
Washington

Just four days after Cuba stopped jamming broadcasts from Voice of America, President Reagan took to the airwaves on Thursday night to all of Latin America. He declared that the promises of the Cuban revolution 25 years ago had not been kept.

There has no formal advance announcement of the unprecedented speech, transmitted simultaneously in Spanish. But one American television station - Cable News Network - got word and reported several hours in advance that Mr Reagan planned his broadcast.

The White House immediately asked the station to insist that the Cubans would not be prevaricated. It promptly agreed.

Mr Reagan is a keen supporter of substantial new investment in Voice of America to enhance its range, quality and hours of broadcasting. The United States will soon launch a new radio venture to "tell the truth about Cuba to the Cuban people" he said in reference to Radio Harte, which is due to begin broadcasting from the US to Cuba in the spring. It has been named after a Cuban patriot.

"Most Cubans welcomed the prospect for democracy and liberty which the leaders of the Cuban revolution had promised," Mr Reagan said in his broadcast. "Such a free and democratic Cuba would have been warmly welcomed by our own people. We share many of the same ideals, especially a common longing for a world of peace and justice. But tragically the promises made to you have not been kept."

As an example of the information Radio Harte will broadcast, Mr Reagan cited the American invasion of Grenada. He said that Sir Paul Scoon, the Governor-General, and the majority of the English speaking Caribbean sought US assistance "because they wanted to be protected from the Cuban Government."

MADRID: The Cuban President, Dr Fidel Castro, advised Spain to withdraw from NATO and stay out of the European Community in a one-hour exclusive interview broadcast here by the Spanish state television (Harry Debelius writes).

He referred several times to his Spanish parentage as a justification for his advice, and said: "I could ask for a voters' card in Spain."

## Test-tube quads born in Australia

Melbourne (AP) -

the world's first test-tube quadruplets, all boys, were born yesterday to an unidentified woman who had been trying for 10 years to have a child.

Dr Andrew Spiers said the babies were delivered prematurely by caesarian section and were each born one minute apart. Mother and babies were all doing well, he said.

The 30-year-old mother entered the Royal Women's Hospital a week before Christmas to prepare for the birth. Doctors said at the time that they expected the birth by the end of the year.

After an initial failure at the hospital's artificial insemination clinic, a second attempt was made last May, and four eggs were successfully fertilized with the husband's sperm and implanted in the womb. Dr Spiers said. The couple, who had been married for 10 years, all four babies were transferred to the special care nursery at the hospital. They weighed between 3.9lb and 4.6lb.

Mr. Gilstrop: On the trail from jail

## Haunted by Denmark's rotund rebel

From Christopher Follett  
Copenhagen

Not far from Hamlet's castle in Elsinore, the rotund, utterly unghastly figure of Mr Mogens Gilstrop, Denmark's controversial anti-tax crusader, was last August for gross tax fraud by a Supreme Court ruling, has dramatically reappeared to fight in next Tuesday's general election.

Mr. Gilstrop, aged 57, tax lawyer and founder of the anti-tax, anti-culture Progress Party, which rises from a public telephone box in a chilly corridor in Hirt Number 16, Call Number 13, at the Danish State Prison at Harevard, Elsinore, is running for reelection to Parliament from which he was ignominiously expelled last summer.

Danish electoral law allows Mr. Gilstrop, a garrulous barrister from the breezy Baltic Island of Bornholm, to stand in his old North Copenhagen constituency.

After just over four months in prison, he has managed to save 106 hours of leave, which he is using in a hectic nationwide campaign to bolster his struggling party.

The party was one of the opposition group to vote last month against the Conservative-led minority Government's 1984 austerity finance Bill which resulted in the premature election.

Mr Gilstrop is expected to win his old seat, forcing the new Parliament (Folketing) to call another extraordinary session to discuss his eligibility. A Progress Party official said Mr Gilstrop would almost certainly be banished from the House again.

## Laughing it off: Retired Admiral Emilio Massera leaving the Supreme Military Tribunal in Buenos Aires after being told that he would be court-martialed on murder, kidnapping and torture charges

New York (Reuters) -

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## Battle rages as Stone visits Managua

Managua (Reuters) -

Mr Richard Stone, the US special envoy to Central America, ended a whirlwind tour of the region with a one-day visit to Nicaragua, overshadowed by fierce fighting between the Government's forces and US-backed guerrillas (Contras).

As Mr Stone was meeting the Nicaraguan Foreign Minister Miguel D'Escoto, state radio reported that US-armed and financed rebels had launched a two-hour rocket and mortar attack on the north-eastern port of Bosoto. One person was killed, eight were injured and two buildings were destroyed in the third attack on the town this week.

Mr Stone would not comment on the substance of his discussions, saying only that his talks with the junta coordinator, Señor Daniel Ortega, and Father D'Escoto were "detailed, specific, and rather constructive".

## Sudan braced for flood of drought refugees

From Gill Lusk, Khartoum

The first shipment of feeding kits and 300 tents for Sudan's latest wave of refugees is expected in Khartoum tomorrow. Aid organizations are mobilizing for the expected emergency next month.

For large areas of the stricken provinces, this is the sixth successive year of drought - and failed harvests. It was after the villagers had eaten this year's scanty production of grain that the men set off for Sudan, their last hope. Most women and children have been left behind, surviving on grass seed and anything else they can gather.

But the refugees' hopes of finding food and work may be dashed by the situation in Sudan. They have to compete for scarce casual labouring jobs with tens of thousands of fellow refugees and unemployed Sudanese.

NAIROBI: Plans to resettle and rehabilitate about 750,000 homeless people in three districts north and west of Kampala are getting under way (Charles Harrison writes).

Large amounts of aid have been offered by Britain, the UN and others.

The homeless were caught in the crossfire when the Uganda army moved early last year to drive out anti-government guerrillas from their areas.

## Tanzania and Kenya ease border curbs

From Our Correspondent  
Nairobi

Kenya and Tanzania have agreed on measures to allow tourists and traffic across their common border which reopened in November after being closed since 1977, when the East African Community collapsed.

According to a communiqué, issued after talks in Arusha, northern Tanzania, a committee will be set up to develop cooperation in tourism to the benefit of both countries.

Meanwhile, ministers and officials from Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda are meeting in Arusha to work out the details of a financial settlement between the countries.

## Mintoff and Gaddafi mend fences

From Our Correspondent  
Valletta

Mr Dom Mintoff, the Maltese Prime Minister, has made a surprise visit to Libya at the invitation of Colonel Gaddafi, the Libyan leader.

After an eight-hour meeting on Thursday, the leaders issued a communiqué in which they agreed to intensify their efforts for peace and stability in the Mediterranean.

This was Mr Mintoff's first visit to Tripoli since the dispute between the countries over offshore oil exploration between the two coasts.

The dispute has since been taken to the International Court of Justice. Colonel Gaddafi visited Malta in March, 1982.

## Today's Taste of Utopia

January 3rd

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- U.S. traffic fatalities over New Year's weekend 30 per cent lower than predicted.
- Spanish authorities break international drug ring.
- U.S. oceanographers report that "El Nino", the warming phenomenon that disrupted global weather for more than a year, has disappeared.

These world events indicate that the "UNIFYING, HARMONIZING, NOURISHING, BALANCE, ORDERLINESS, INTEGRATION, PURIFICATION, SELF-RELIANCE, CREATIVITY, DYNAMISM, SUPPLEMENTATION, FREEDOM, BLISS" qualities of the unified field of all the laws of nature, enlivened in world consciousness during the last seventeen days, continue to be lively in today's taste of utopia.

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# THE ARTS

## Radio

### Throwing some light

Radio biographies, portraits, studies and the like have a sort of invariance: your average compiler/narrator averages links readings and other bits and pieces over 45 minutes' finish. How cheering then to be able to open 1984 by reporting within one week three rather exceptional specimens of the genre - even if strictly speaking two of them belong to 1983, having been broadcast on New Year's Eve.

The first of these, *Light in a Dark Place* (Radio 4), was also the simplest: a story for two voices of the life of Christian Watt, a Scottish fishwife living on the Moray Firth who in 1879, after a series of bereavements - five brothers dead within a year, a husband drowned at sea - not to mention other misfortunes, suffered a mental breakdown and spent the remaining 44 years of her life in Cornhill asylum, Aberdeen, dying in 1923 at the age of 90.

Life had simply become too much for her, but her memory and powers of thought and expression clearly continued unimpaired because she used those years to write an account of her earlier life quite outstanding in its narrative force, close observation and personal insight: describing the moment when her emotional balance finally gave way, she wrote, "it was as distinct as a butterplate breaking on the floor".

Indeed, she must have been at all times a remarkable, even formidable woman; two young men of noble family - one of them the son of Lord Lovat - were sufficiently attracted to think seriously of marriage. In the Lovat case, his lordship and his lady intervened and Lady Lovat was so unwise as to say in Kirstie's presence that a fisherman's daughter was not good enough for her boy.

Even allowing for writer's licence and the gloss of memory, the ensuing tirade must have been quite shattering, particularly in the gorgeous drawing room of a great Scottish house of the mid-nineteenth century: it included a brief but cogent explanation of the dependence of her ladyship on the despised working classes and ended with an assertion that "your heart is as cold as your bottom is reputed to be".

Not for nothing, evidently have fishwives gained a repu-

tation for invective and, oh my, what a ladyship this same fishwife would have made. Her memories were drawn from David Fraser's edition of her papers. Alan Haydock had adapted them, contributing a brief narration spoken with dignity by Andrew Cruikshank. Mr Haydock also produced and directed, obtaining a most moving portrayal of Christian from Eileen McCallum.

Later that same day and again on Radio 4 we heard Peter Mellor's compilation on the life of Hugh Walpole. I Have No Gentles, But By God I Am a Novelist, in which the compiler and his producer, Piers Plowright, cunningly took care of the narration by cutting in excerpts from an interview with Sir Rupert Hart-Davis. These served admirably to introduce a selection from a most characterful correspondence maintained with Henry James, Arnold Bennett and Virginia Woolf. Peter Barkworth read the Walpole end of it, that highly individual voice, in other contexts rather cool, imparting here a great singularity and verve.

Perhaps it was not surprising that the most original of my week's biographies came from a particularly adept radio playwright, Valerie Windsor. The Divided State (Radio 4, January 1 and 5) was a portrait of the novelist and reformer, Winifred Holtby, author of *South Riding*, *Under the Mermaid* and others. The division of the title was between "the private nunnery of the mind", in which guiltily she indulged her gift and passion for writing, and "the incessant calls of the passing moment", calls from innumerable causes each of them, as she saw it, always more worthy of attention than her "selfish" talent.

Together they all but dominated her life and may have helped to bring it to its early end just before World War II when she was only 37. How cleverly Miss Windsor and her director, Kay Patrick, conveyed the idea of division, using stereo separation and the versatility of Alison Fiske as Winifred to establish an inner and an outer woman.

And was it only my imagination, I wonder, that heard the first of these become less vocal as the passing moment grew ever more insistent?

David Wade

## Opera

### Miricioiu in comm



Nelly Miricioiu: showing the way

#### La traviata Coliseum

English National Opera have been lucky in the ladies who have made their consumptive exits in John Copley's production of *La traviata*: Valerie Masterson, Josephine Barrow, and now Nelly Miricioiu, returning to the role she sang to great acclaim for Scottish Opera three years ago. It is a role that suits her exceedingly well, vocally and dramatically; it is also a role she evidently enjoys.

Her command of the part, and of the audience, in the first act was complete, to the extent that a "bravo" from the gallery seemed absolutely necessary to round off a display of such superb confidence and showiness. Her command of herself, however, was not always so sure. When a singer appears so easily capable of turning any phrase into gleaming silver, it is hard to have to make do with the base metal of chest tone, which showed through in this act on occasions when Miss Miricioiu had not calculated properly.

Perhaps nervousness was to blame, although it is hard to imagine that a figure so imperious could ever be abashed; certainly Miss Miricioiu was not quite at ease with

## Dance

### Sleeping Beauty Covent Garden

Theoretically, the production of *The Sleeping Beauty* that we saw at Covent Garden on Thursday was the same one the Royal Ballet gave last season, but when the curtain rose it was evident that the scenery was new, and as one act followed another it became clear that a lot of refurbishing had been undertaken.

The reason, I discovered, was that the old production was damaged on its way back from China, so presumably the cost of replacing it will come from insurance. The insurance company can be assured that their money has been well spent. The designs have been realized more successfully than before, with care and taste, and though this *Beauty* still looks "after Messel" the imitation this time is more worthy of that model.

Also, Ninette de Valois's changes to the details of what happens on stage, chiefly in respect of entrance, exits and crowd scenes, continuing a constant process of adaptation since the present version was first given in 1977, have at last achieved a *Sleeping Beauty* better than the Royal Ballet has had for nearly two decades.

Many different casts will appear during the run. Jennifer Penney and David Wall led the opening night. Her Aurora does not show much emotion, but her dancing has regained the lustre that I missed when she danced Cinderella recently. The Rose adagio contained some splendidly showy, long-held balances, and she brought off all the jumping steps with an attractive lightness. Wall, a convincingly romantic Florimund, partnered her handsomely.

Monica Mason's Carabosse continues to grow in strength and subtlety as a study of wickedness. John Percival

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### Nell and Ivar Gotkovsky Wigmore Hall

The French violin and piano duo, Nell and Ivar Gotkovsky, are bringing to the Wigmore Hall this month their cycle of Beethoven sonatas and other works for violin and piano in a three-concert recital series, of which the first was on Thursday night.

It is an enterprising and potentially illuminating venture as any such series, but so far little more is happening than a rather routine perusal and presentation of the catalogue. There are signs that things could get better, though, if progress within a single recital is anything to go by: Nell Gotkovsky's violin playing in the last movement of the "Spring" Sonata was more ardently committed, and Beethoven's dynamic and rhythmic movement more vigorously

## Television

### Worthy but simple

The Family Rules (BBC 1) described its subject as "a great British institution", although having recently seen the repeats of *The Family* one might be forgiven for thinking that it ought to go the way of other institutions like Bedlam and Gin Lane. It is often suggested, however, that television itself is responsible for the survival of domestic life - the family that watches together, stays together. But it still often seems the case that happy nuclear families exist only in situation comedies, which is perhaps why television seems to have an almost proprietorial interest in the matter.

This was a "discussion" programme, complete with studio audience, agony aunt and psychologist (this last complete with a faint cockney accent, which seems obligatory now in all the caring professions). But the presence of Frank Bough imposed a certain cosiness and informality on the proceedings - there was a definite lowering of the temperature which removed the sting from any potential conflicts. There was

also a number of dramatized scenes which the participants in the programme were invited to discuss. One does not object so much to the cloying "naturalness" which was meant to pass for real life in these extracts, but rather to the fact that serious issues apparently have to be turned into strip cartoons before they are considered suitable for a large audience.

It was undoubtedly a worthy effort, but it suffered from the delusion that programmes of this kind can really add anything to the sum of human knowledge; it is in the nature of television that this should not be the case. Though real problems were raised - the clandestine deceitfulness of parents and children towards each other being one of the most significant - these cannot properly be investigated in conversations which were so truncated and simplistic that, more than anything else, they resembled conversations at a bus stop.

Peter Ackroyd

#### WEEKEND CHOICE

Do You Sincerely Want to Live Forever? (tomorrow, BBC 1, 10.40 pm). *Everyman's* strictly non-theological contribution to the debate about immortality, does not trouble its head, either, about the demographic repercussions of life-without-end, although someone does make the point that, if life extension gets out of hand (ie, Dracula, or the 200-year-old high lama in *Lost Horizons*), the population will be kept down only by murder, suicide or accidents.

Peter France, in customary realistic vein as narrator, reminds us that "in the prime of life, we are on the threshold of decay". A useful rider by E. M. Forster is slotted in to the effect that though death destroys man, it is the thought of death that preserves him. The odd American couple whom we see consuming 35 life-expanding substances a day have no room for philosophical stuff like that. They put their trust in pills and potions and believe they can live forever. Nobody, at this stage, can prove they are wrong.

Financially, at any rate, Durk Pearson and Sandy Shaw are on to a good thing. One million copies of their book have been sold, and three billion dollars' worth of recommended potions and pills have vanished down the throats of the swelling army of believers, one of whom

(buttonholed in a supermarket, demonstrates that the treatment does not do much for ambiguity. "I'm young," she says, "and I want to stay young... but when I get older, I don't want any of the problems I have now".

If you can accept the idea of an Australia peopled almost exclusively by Americans, an can ignore the fact that Colley McCullough's good red meat being churned into junk for before your very eyes, you might find it in your heart to be charitable towards the five-part television adaptation of *Thorn Birds* that begins tomorrow night (BBC 1, 7.40 pm). Otherwise, why not opt for Peter Adam's comprehensive feature about Richard Stratford (BBC 2, 7.15 pm)?

Radio highlights: *Alastair Cooke's continuing series 11. First Half Century* (today, Radio 4, 12.27 pm) is an object lesson in how to integrate popular music with social history without debasing either. *Dressed to Kill* is Jeffrey Richardson's long-overdue attempt to rehabilitate the reputation of the costume dramas that put Gainsborough film studios on the map in the 1940s (today, Radio 3, 8.25 pm).

Peter Dava

## AT 8.25: A PROGRAMME FOR EVERYONE WHO'S INTERESTED IN LIFE UNDER THE OCEAN.



- Coping. Coping with childlessness.
- Film: *The Conqueror*. John Wayne stars as Genghis Khan.
- Skateaway. Robin Cousins returns to Bristol Ice Centre, where he learnt to skate, to coax pupils through the basic rules of skating.
- Brookside.
- The Other Side of the Tracks. John Gambaccini returns, with a look at the Eurythmics on America's MTV.
- Seven Days. A look at the moral and religious issues behind the week's news.
- Madam: Checkmate. The performance, by the Royal Ballet's Wells Royal Ballet, of one of Dame Ninette de Valois' best-loved works.
- The Face of the Deep. The surface layer of the ocean is one of the largest, but least well-known habitats on earth. This film takes a close-up look at some of the fascinating creatures that live there, including the deadly Portuguese Man O'War.
- The Avengers. Steed and Tara foil the villains in a classic 'sixties style.
- The Comic Strip Presents: Dirty Movie. Jerry Toadstool wants to watch a dirty movie all by himself, but is thwarted by, among others, a lobster.
- Film: *Rosemary's Baby*. Roman Polanski's classic supernatural thriller - starring Mia Farrow as a woman impregnated by the Devil.

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## THE PAIN OF CONTRACTION

There is understandable relief that the strike threatened against British Shipbuilders has been called off hours before it was due to start. That action itself is another sign of the growing realism of trade unions whose members are forced to take hard knocks and abandon old ideas as Britain's older troubled manufacturing industries struggle to survive.

But that relief should at present go no further than the reaction of management that "the industry has taken a step back from catastrophe". The immediate strike is not the element of catastrophe that British Shipbuilders faced. To start with, the final talks over the productivity element in the state industry's survival plan have yet to be successfully prosecuted. For decades, the industry has provided the most glaring and widely quoted examples of demarcation between different trades, made ever more confused as the use of new techniques and materials cut across traditional craft divisions.

Some progress has already been made in more flexible working, but the proposals at issue represent by far the most thoroughgoing assault on artificial barriers to efficient working. Their passage may provide the crucial turning point in the industry's long-running drama, most particularly in impressing on government the determination of workers and management to play their full part in a recovery plan for their business. There is, however, no use pretending that this resolves the matter. Even with new agreements and the full cooperation of workers, British Shipbuilders will remain in deep trouble.

The industry's plan has the

modest aim of bringing productivity up to the level of our European competitors. Yet in terms of commercial orders, Western Europe as a whole is becoming increasingly peripheral to world markets. Last year, the volume of new orders worldwide jumped by almost two-thirds from a total depressed progressively since the first oil crisis in 1973 and more severely since 1979. But almost all the extra orders went to yards in Japan, the dominant world producer, and South Korea, which has sustained its position as number two by a harsh pricing policy.

British Shipbuilders itself is likely to follow its £128 million loss in 1982-83 with a further £100 million in the current financial year and many of its merchant shipbuilding yards remain desperately short of orders, let alone profitable orders. Mr Graham Day, the tough-minded Canadian who recently took the helm at British Shipbuilders, may take a different approach to government from his predecessor Sir Robert Atkinson, but he will still be asking taxpayers to add substantially to the £840 million already ploughed into the industry since it was nationalized in 1977 and since when it has never made a profit.

Until Mr Day's arrival, relations with government were bedevilled by demands for an overall commitment to the future of the industry. Ministers were right to refuse a blank cheque, just as they have been proved wise in keeping out of the argument over productivity and the dispute between Britoil and the Scott-Lithgow yard over the disastrously late oil rig order. Mr Day has accepted a less certain, more hand-to-mouth relation-

ship with Whitehall and as an outsider, if only by accident, is clearly cast for the role that Sir Michael Edwards played at British Leyland. But that does not absolve ministers from thinking out their attitudes to the industry's future.

Since nationalization, British Shipbuilders has already closed ten yards and six repair yards. It has shed more than a quarter of its employees and more than half those working on merchant ships and is even now making a further 9,000 jobs redundant. Yet, with two fifths of world capacity still surplus to requirements, the British industry remains a prime candidate for slimming.

It will be tempting for the Government to seek protection through new European Community initiatives to get round world subsidy restrictions by treating the whole of Europe as a home market. But that would be folly. World competition is not a passing phase. Indeed, Japan and South Korea are already rising about the new industries rising in Brazil, Taiwan and China. Nor should the planned return of profitable military yards to the private sector, in part a guilty reaction to the scandalously low prices paid on nationalization, be seen as solving the problem.

There is, in the end, no acceptable alternative to supporting British Shipbuilders' management as it struggles to build new viable businesses making smaller and more sophisticated ships, even while morale suffers from the piecemeal process of further shrinkage, and closures. It is another messy but necessary phase in the reform of British industry.

## IT IS THE TEACHERS WHO MATTER

News that a minister or an official is being transferred to the lower block above Waterloo Station which houses the Department of Education and Science is usually treated as an occasion for sympathy by the rest of Whitehall. The DES is known as "the white man's grave" of the river. Sir Keith Joseph, who arrived as Secretary of State in 1981, refuses to succumb, however, as his speech to the North of England Education Conference in Sheffield showed yesterday. The bulk of it was devoted to the question "What is education for?". Finding the answer is a matter of urgency as by the summer Sir Keith will have to end a long period of uncertainty by determining the configuration of a new 16 plus examination.

Sir Keith has a quality rare in public life - an ability, almost a compulsion, to parade his shortcomings. He admitted yesterday that on arrival at the DES he underestimated the difficulty of lifting standards. More than two years of reading inspectors' reports has shown him that much of what many pupils are now asked to learn is clutter, a sentiment that would be echoed by many an anxious parent worried by the failure of the state system to provide the skills and learning they wish their progeny to acquire.

The remedy Sir Keith proposes

is twofold: to raise 80 to 90 per cent of all pupils at least to CSE grade 4 - the level now achieved by pupils of average ability in individual subjects; and to devise a system where the absolute and not just the relative attainments of a pupil can be gauged by examination. It would be of great value to parents, employers and universities if a results sheet did indicate not just a young person's position relative to his or her peers but whether he or she can read, comprehend and communicate, set in a historical event in context or perceive a pattern in scientific data. Devising such a system could prove immensely taxing.

Compounding the difficulty are the many purposes for which the new sixteen plus is being introduced. However it is constructed - whether it remains a two tier process or merges O level with CSE - it must provide the evaluation needed at one end by a university admissions tutor and the prospective employer of a sixteen-year-old at the other. Sir Keith must beware of the pendulum swinging too far away from a system which differentiates between abilities. He will also be acutely aware that a minister of education is the custodian and paymaster, to the tune of some £13 billion a year, of a service over which he has no real control. The experience has only added to his reputation as an agonizer.

In the final analysis it is the quality of the teachers that counts. If that is lacking, sensible direction from national or local government and adequate funding can be of little effect. Sir Keith to his credit is concerned about that too. He returned yesterday to the need for education authorities to be able to sack dud teachers - "from a profession where they can do such disproportionate harm". Unless he ends the absurd distinction between the mechanisms for determining the pay of teachers and their conditions of service enshrined in the Remuneration of Teachers Act, 1964, he will probably be condemned to vainly wringing his hands on this crucial issue.

Sir Keith's spell in the "white man's grave" will be remembered for his decision on the sixteen plus and his management of the education service in a period of financial austerity. He said yesterday that the system was standing at a watershed. Whether or not decline or regeneration waits across the divide will not be known for some years. But the issue will turn largely though not wholly on teacher quality. Without improvements there, rejigging examinations, revising curricula and a host of more or less admirable reforms will be of little avail.

## THE EXPANSIVE MR KINNOCK

As one of a nation which has suffered under the impositions of the dominant English, Mr Neil Kinnock has a natural motive for sympathy with his hosts the Socialist government of Greece in their claim for the Elgin Marbles to be restored to Athens.

The British are curiously prone to feel guilty about the Elgin Marbles. Other countries which acquired comparable masterpieces of Greek art in the last century show few signs of similar anguish, and have been more or less spared the blandishments of Greek chauvinism in consequence. Post-imperial conscience must have something to do with our attitude, though Britain had no imperial role in Ottoman Greece (very much the reverse, in fact). Our legal title to the marbles is beyond serious dispute, and the much-abused Lord Elgin, who saved the marbles from virtual destruction, deserves recognition as one of the greatest benefactors of the Greek nation.

But all that is beside the point. For the Greek government, and perhaps for Mr Kinnock too, the marbles have become a focus for national feeling, and other considerations do not figure. A British political party which incorporated in its next manifesto a promise to yield them up might find that so facile a dismissal of 160 years of honest guardianship made the marbles a not inconsiderable

focus of national feeling here too. The transaction would in any case be bound to set a spectacular precedent: a world-wide clamour would follow, with excesses of rhetoric and eyewitness intolerance to contemplate, having a general and progressive tendency to send home the masterpieces of every nation, with disastrous consequences for the diffusion of benefit from mankind's common heritage of art.

The extent of Mr Kinnock's acquaintance with the case in hand is indicated by his rigger-player's image: "The Parthenon without the marbles is like a smile without a tooth." Restoring them to the temple, outdoors, would be an act of vandalism on both conservation and aesthetic grounds, and the Greek government rightly have no such barbarous intention. Miss Mercouri talks of the blue skies of Attica, but that is only part of the rhetoric.

Mr Kinnock also addressed himself to wider issues. His proposal for a system of itinerant masterpieces would at least provide a pretext for saving the National Museum of Wales, on a title of repatriation, from having to say a long farewell to its fine Cezannes and its controversial Rubenses. There is a precedent of a kind in the peripatetic Hugh Lane bequest, which crosses the Irish Sea at intervals between London and Dublin. There is

already an admirable custom of loan for special exhibitions, of which London enjoys the fruits at present in the Royal Academy's great Venetian exhibition. The National Gallery, for instance, lands about two dozen major paintings a year for similar special events. But clearly Mr Kinnock has something far more extensive in mind.

The principle behind his scheme is to make ancient treasures "accessible in the greatest number of places to the greatest number of people". The Greeks were right to spot the snag in this principle for it is almost certain that more people see the marbles in London than would in Athens. An equitable Hellenic cruise would take them to Canton and Barry Dock, but seldom to either London or Piraeus. To have numerous masterpieces frequently on the move would create daunting and costly problems of security against theft and accident. It would be vexing for purposeful travellers always to have to inquire about the present location of the Mona Lisa or the Sphinx before setting out to see it. There is much to be said for a state of affairs where stability is the norm. As travel becomes easier and cheaper, Mr Kinnock's plan to bring the masterpieces to Mahomet, instead of Mahomet to the masterpieces, is likely to seem increasingly perverse.

## Greenham arms safeguards

From Professor Colonel G. I. A. D. Draper

Sir, In your leading article, "Protest, not sabotage" (December 30), you rightly draw attention to the vanishing point of the distinction between protest and sabotage, so far as some of the "capers" of the ladies of Greenham Common are concerned.

It is more than doubtful whether that crucial distinction, when it comes to the use of firearms by US or UK servicemen on guard or patrol at that site, has been made clear in the statements you cite of Mr David Mellor, MP of the Home Office, in the House of Commons. Therein he refers to "rules of engagement". That is an unfortunate term, which normally relates to armed operations by troops against armed "enemies", as that term is defined in section 255 (a) of the Army Act, 1955.

The obscurity of our law about the use of firearms by troops against our civilian population, otherwise than in aid of the civil power, is compounded by the law governing the visiting force (US) on that subject and by the fact that their offending servicemen who causes a fatality with firearms while purporting to carry out his "orders" is tried by a court-martial jurisdiction, while the UK counterpart has to be tried by the civil courts, i.e., a High Court judge and jury.

Nothing in the cited statement of Mr Mellor throws any light on the dark places in our law, or in US military law (the Uniform Code of Military Justice).

How would it be if the appropriate minister could assure Parliament that the existing "rules of engagement" of US servicemen here and of UK troops guarding defence bases in this country have been submitted to the Law Officers of the Crown, who are satisfied, or not as the case may be, that they comport with the law of the UK?

In the interests of our own servicemen engaged on such duties, let alone the members of the public, whether Greenham Common ladies or not, such a reference to the Law Officers, if not already done, would seem advisable before a fatality and the ensuing arguments about superior orders occur. If the sets of "engagement" rules cannot be harmonised, then the US military authorities here can seek their advice from the appropriate quarter.

No doubt, under the Nato Status of Force Agreement, 1951, only partially ingested in our Visiting Forces Act, 1952, the US military here will have the primary right to exercise their court-martial jurisdiction for any such "on-duty" offence, but all too often it will be found that UK servicemen are carrying out the initial guard and patrol.

The course recommended will not allay all fears, but it may give some measure of public reassurance. I am your obedient servant,

G. I. A. D. DRAPER,  
16 Southover High Street,  
Lewes,  
Sussex.  
December 31.

## Press and preachers

From the Reverend Canon W. A. Batty

Sir, I read Ronald Butt's article, "Are the churches missing the point?" (December 22) with irritation and some resentment. It is the kind of article which appears with monotonous predictability in the national newspapers at Christmas and Easter.

His complaint is that Christian preachers and ministers are so concerned with political, social and economic affairs that they neglect to proclaim the Gospel. How justified is this complaint? Ronald Butt produces no evidence, but simply declares that it is so.

I work within a team of five ordained ministers assisted by three (lay) readers. We are each of us very different and are free to preach as we feel moved. On the evidence of 100 sermons a year for the past 10 years I would rebuke Ronald Butt's charge. I would also call in evidence sermons heard at diocesan and national occasions and at services for the General Synod.

When then does Ronald Butt, along with other newspaper columnists, get his impression from? The answer, I believe, is from the newspapers themselves. It is they who pick out the comments of clergy and ministers on political, social and economic issues. These are newsworthy because they will provoke controversy.

The Good News of Christ is not news in the popular sense and it is unlikely that eager reporters will crowd into their local churches to report the sermons. Yet I claim that there the Gospel is being faithfully preached.

Yours etc.,  
ALAN BITTY,  
The Vicarage,  
Penrith,  
Cumbria.  
December 27.

## Backward glance

From Mr James W. Thirk

Sir, Your septuagenarian correspondent, Mr Seamus (December 31), has produced some interesting links with the past. But it was his great-grandfather who was born two hundred years ago. My only living aunt's paternal grandfather was born in 1792, the same year as Shelley, the poet. She herself is now a sprightly 86, only slightly incapacitated by a fall off her bicycle before Christmas.

I am sure that your readers will be able to tell of grandfathers born still earlier in the eighteenth century. Yours faithfully,  
JAMES W. THIRK,  
The Kings,  
Lewis Cole,  
Headington,  
Oxford.  
January 2.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**British Airways independents**

From the Editor

Sir, Even so good will of the British Empire is a fairly familiar and obvious argument to justify the monopolistic situation and its absolute contrary, that is, rather the contrary, that competition by British carriers on national routes would not improve the position of the airline as a whole against foreign competition.

It is certainly some form of regulation necessary, but it is neither good for customers, nor the independence of the British Airways, nor indeed British Airways, they should continue to enjoy dominating position which they have been given in the past by successive governments.

It is, of course, delighted that British Airways has returned to its former position, but I am less inclined to congratulate Lord King and his government than to castigate his predecessors, the governments and unions involved in the past. British Airways is now doing what the rest of us have had to do in order to keep alive.

The fact is that British Airways is an unrivalled clutch of national routes, has as its hub the largest international airport in the world, and whatever Lord King says, enjoys a largely protected and immensely powerful position in its environment.

Even the changes in government, union and public attitudes it will be quite tragic if British Airways did not make a substantial contribution to this situation.

Yours faithfully,  
FORSTER, Chairman,  
K Ltd,  
House,  
St Mary Axe, EC3.  
January 4.

## Corruption

From Mr G. C. G.

Sir, No one can be what the military Nigeria can achieve one was optimistic. I visited Nigeria for the first time in 20 years, months up to the elections. The extent of rot of bribery, have eaten through the country can hardly be overestimated. It is endemic with service to be rendered.

As for ineptitude, it took me over a cash a few travellers of the national bank hours to buy some post office.

There is much "pharm" in the way servers perceive democracy in Nigeria during the elections, as well as of last one.

The blatant purchase with money or gifts intimidation of voters alike, the large and falsification of the ballot boxes, etc. which each occasion are produced, to the Western taken seriously.

Similarly, the crude of Nigeria's politicians there to make money and to have the power without patronage is stated. Nor is the corruption about the only have good roads, no pipes, water supply, sanitation, etc. are the party in federal power or had a good chance of future.

And it generally escapes notice and comment the reason the president

## Points in the dark

From Sir Richard Dobson

The Nigerians have chosen the Christmas season to change their government. One reads of this act was accomplished without bloodshed except for the of some gunfire reported to have been heard at the radio offices.

This country and at this time licensed viewer/listener, having the rattle of musketry in and Place (or indeed emanating from the offices of the rival factions), might well have wondered whether the noise portended revolution or some other, but relatively benign, session of public opinion.

Yours faithfully,  
RICHARD DOBSON,  
Harcourt Road,  
London, Surrey.  
January 4.

## Unthinkable

From Dr S. J. Watkins

Sir, Your thoughtful editorial, "1984 Speak" (31), was unfortunately the fact that all the distortions of language selected as examples can be left. Similar distortions right and a more criticism would have been case.

To give but one tendency has arisen to use the word "collectivism" as if it were the word "collectivism" that there is a rather political philosophy which tradition, the libertarian that Orwell expounded practised, which believes opposite, that neither collectivism can flourish absence of the other.

Collectivism without mere bureaucracy and human development. But the determinants of human can only be collectively so liberty without it becomes the mere indulging whims of taste in basic circumstances of beyond one's control.

Newspeak was designed certain ideas literally unit. The use of "liberty" as the of "collectivism" has the quence. It makes it unthinkable a government which is collectivism could be an

## Places where they

From Mr Peter Davies

Sir, Although I am generally in favour of coeducation, Mrs Gwynne's plea (December) the admission of girls to schools is unlikely to appeal to principals.

Boys' voices are quite different from girls' in both quality and quantity. To have choirs of mixed (excepting adult singers) completely change their character.

## The 'rebel army' in Indo-China

From Mr Louis Heren

Sir, The release of official documents under the 30-year rule can be pernicious. According to Peter Hennessy and David Walker (report, January 2), the then British Minister in Saigon accused me of "gratuitously spreading Communist propaganda" about the Indo-China war.

In his dispatch of January 27, 1953, he added that "there is, or should be, plenty of accurate information about Vietnam for it to be unnecessary for The Times to feed the English reader with nonsense about Communist land reform, improvement of conditions in the rebel army, etc."

Presumably the alleged accurate information refers to handouts put out in support of the Foreign Office policy to promote Bao Dai as the best leader for Vietnam.

For the benefit of younger readers, Bao Dai was what is known by gossip columnists as "a fun-loving prince". He rarely moved out of the mountain resort of Dalat, where he shot tigers and maintained an international harem. These two pastimes, attractive as they may be, were his only interests.

I ignored this obvious nonsense, as any experienced foreign correspondent would. Moreover, I had the good fortune to know General Jean de Lattre de Tassigny, a great soldier who knew and respected the quality of his enemy and the popular support it enjoyed.

I frequently visited Hanoi before it fell to the Vietnamese, where apart from meeting Vietnamese of all political colourings - many of whom had a cultural attachment to France - I was in touch with foreign consultants and officers who knew more about what was going on than the British Minister in Saigon, the British Commissioner General for South-east Asia in Singapore and the Foreign Office.

One reason for their ignorance was that they refused to listen to the British Consul in Hanoi, a well informed man who, if I recall correctly, did not have his contract renewed because he refused to toe the official Foreign Office line.

And, of course, I covered military operations in the field, and learned that French infantry officers also respected the enemy. That the enemy was as nasty as most so-called freedom fighters made no difference. They were good soldiers and were supported by the villagers.

Presumably none of this has been found in the official documents. Instead, I stand condemned of being a dupe or Communist sympathizer and, much worse, of misleading your readers. Not that matters much. Subsequent events proved that my assessment of the "rebel army" was closer to the truth than the FO fantasies.

I am, Sir,  
Your former Correspondent in South-east Asia,  
LOUIS HEREN,  
Fleet House,  
Vale of Health, NW3.  
January 3.

## Cenotaph bickering

From Mr Laurence Cotterell

Sir, The unseemly political bickering over the Cenotaph ceremony is particularly offensive to ex-Servicemen.

If politicians are to jostle for positions in the Whitehall foreground, let us hope that they will decently refrain from disturbing those who retreat for meditation at the tomb of the Unknown Warrior.

Chesterton's lines are more than ever applicable today: They shall not storm the last unfallen fortress.

The lonely castle where uncowed and free Dwell the unknown and undefeated warrior That did alone defeat Publicity.

Yours faithfully,  
LAURENCE COTTERELL,  
121 St Paul's Wood Hill,  
St Paul's Cray,  
Kent.  
January 4.

## Crisis at Christmas

From Miss Marie Anderson

Sir, This year, as in previous years, Crisis at Christmas provided meals, clothes and mattresses to sleep on for about 1,000 homeless people over the Christmas period in a warehouse in Vauxhall lent by the GLC.

Hundreds of volunteers, working in shifts, collected clothes, cooked and served meals and looked after the needs of everyone who came.

Why is this crisis acknowledged to be such at Christmas?

Yours faithfully,  
MARIE ANDERSON,  
Lamb Building,  
Temple, ECA.  
January 4.

## Glue sniffers

From Mrs Melanie Atkins

Sir, I write in reply to Mrs Lena Joy's letter of December 24. If my brother's experience is typical, Mrs Joy would be sensible not to interfere with glue sniffers.

When he was instantly set upon; when he was kept well clear of the fringes, and my brother had to spend several days in hospital.

Yours faithfully,  
MELANIE ATKINS,  
50 Myrtle Road,  
Sutton,  
Surrey.  
December 29.

## Restoring the marbles

From Mr F. E. McWilliam

Sir, I wonder if the Kinnock family will be invited to spend their next holiday in Buenos Aires.

Yours faithfully,  
F. E. McWILLIAM,  
84 Holland Villas Road, W14.  
January 5.







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# The house of 1994

As a new year begins, we consider the shape of the home to come - a centre for work and play, where the living is easy. Technology takes care of the chores, facilitates office work, educates and entertains, as well as providing the materials for a warm, well-lit, non-wasteful structure

## High-tech at low cost for leisured living

Ten years from now people will be working fewer hours, and technological advances will mean that more of that work will be done from home. Technology will also provide a wider range of home entertainment. So the house of 1994 looks likely to be the main focus of activity for its inhabitants, in terms of work as well as leisure.

To guarantee the mental stability of people staying at home more of the time there will have to be much greater public access to the house than we have been used to since the First World War. There will be a return to the concept of "reception" rooms, with the expectation of a constant stream of visitors.

There is no reason to believe that the generation gap will have narrowed, so the house will have to absorb contrasting - and often conflicting - lifestyles. "Loud rooms" will co-exist with quiet ones, giving the architect the challenge of isolating one mode from the other.

### GALLERY AND ROOF GARDEN

The stars at the end of the courtyard rise to a first-floor gallery which runs round three sides of the courtyard, off it open two bedroom and bathroom suites which open in turn on to a first-floor garden running across the front roof.

The roof garden is one of the most cost-effective ways of insulating the ground floor as well as providing a quasi-private garden if the rest of the plot is being used for a party. Water for it is collected in rainwater tubs, spiral staircase leads from it to the main garden, and the whole area is enclosed by an elegant 1930s tubular railing.

### CONSERVING ENERGY

Another influence on design will be the ever-present need to conserve energy. All new houses built in 1994 may well have their main living rooms facing south, with large windows, to get maximum benefit from sunlight; the north-facing utility rooms, on the other hand, will have smaller windows, with a bank of trees outside to protect the building from north winds.

Our house is projected for a family of four, they are professional people, with the parents in their fifties, a son aged 23 and a daughter aged 18. They have moved up through the housing market and are now able to spend £60,000 to £100,000 (at 1984 prices) on a new house in a typical suburban plot of a quarter of an acre.

Only one of them is in a full-time job, as a financial manager working a 60-hour, staggered fortnight, 40 per cent of it from home. Of the other three, one is officially unemployed, one does occasional freelance work and one is occupied looking after the home. Although they have a car, they need it less and less and may not keep it. A garage is not included in the budget.

### CENTRAL COURTYARD

The plan of the house is partially derived from the Roman villa. The focus is a central, internal courtyard which is not just a hall, but also a public sitting and meeting area. To conserve energy, it doubles as a conservatory, complete with climbing plants and fruit trees. There is direct access from it to all rooms, making them more private than they are today and eliminating corridors. Heat from the conservatory can be distributed to the rooms by simply opening doors; in hot weather the rooms can be aired by opening the double-glazed doors which lead to the surrounding garden.

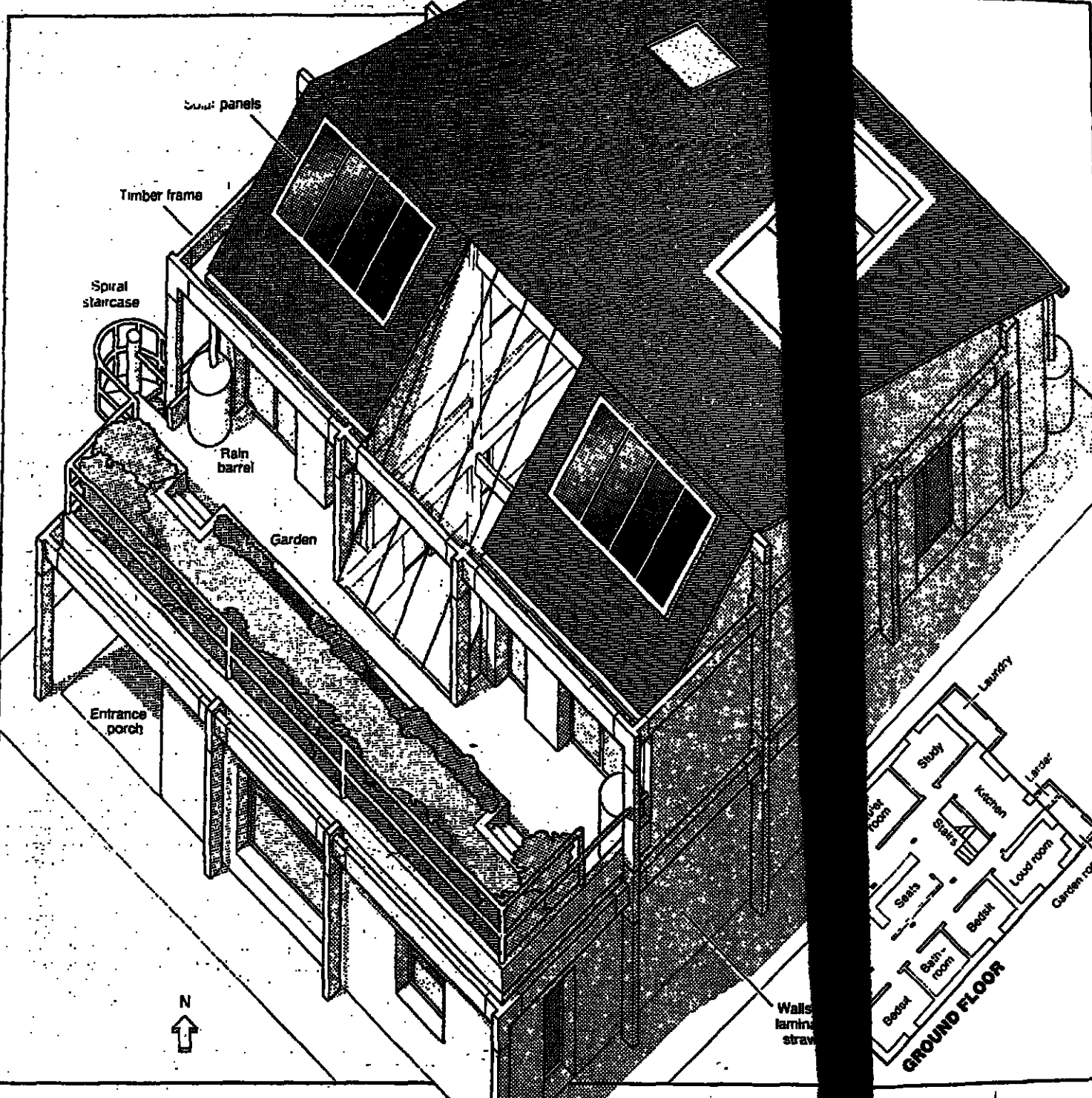
The parents and their children occupy opposite sides of the courtyard: the former have the south-west side so that they can use one of the rooms as a dining room in the evenings. The right-hand (south-east) wing is designed to provide two self-contained bedrooms, separated by a shared bathroom, with a "loud room" to the north. The left-hand wing provides a cloakroom, study, and relaxing room/library.

The kitchen occupies the central part of the north end of the house. It is large enough to contain an eating area and has rubbish-burning stoves as one source of energy; it is lined - under the eaves on the north - with a number of little rooms which serve as the laundry, larder and garden room.

All musical instruments, gadgets and electronic games are consigned to the loud room which adjoins the kitchen. The party wall with the kitchen

is electronically "alive", capable of being transformed into a giant television screen from either side. This means that while one member of the family is playing video games in the loud room, another can be ordering the week's groceries via teletext. Videophone, teletext and access to relevant computer services will also be fed to the study.

The courtyard occupies the central 16 sq ft of the house and is framed by the timber arcades of the structure. It could be sunk, or defined in some other way, but this would depend upon the site and the budget.



## Hologram holidays and calls

You wake up in the morning to a cup of tea, your favourite radio programme - and the bath water, already run and waiting for you at precisely the temperature you programmed the night before. You get dressed and have breakfast and set out for the office.

It is unlikely, however, that you will be crawling through traffic or waiting on a crowded platform for the 8.15. The office is probably only a couple of yards from where you had your tea and bath (or the synthetic equivalent) but still equipped for your every need.

There will be a telephone, of course, but linked to a screen so that you can see (and be seen) by the person you have called; a business conference can be conducted over hundreds of miles, if not continents. You will have a facsimile machine, capable of transmitting exact copies of documents, charts, computer printouts and detailed drawings across the world within seconds.

Letters need not be put into envelopes, stamped and taken to the post office. An electronic mail system will take care of that: the message is written at your computer terminal and transmitted, along telephone line or cable, to a central mailbox by keying in his or her name and pass number.

While the breadwinner is thus busy, the household manager (male or female) will be sitting in an armchair with a keypad - very much like the

present remote control for a television set - and a portable visual display. He or she will be setting programmes for the day or perhaps days and weeks ahead.

The central heating, for instance, temperatures can be set for each room in the house, and hour by hour throughout the day. You can arrange for the washing machine to come on at a certain time, or the cooker or the extractor fan. Light switches will be a thing of the past since lights can be programmed to switch on and off automatically, their brightness or dimness also centrally controlled.

You do not even need to be in the house. If you are, on holiday and want to make sure that the house will be warm on your return, you can send instructions to the central heating boiler down the telephone line. Similarly if you left the casserole in the oven but forgot to turn the power on, a telephone call to the cooker will put things right.

The combination of sensors which can pick up information, microchips which can store it and optical fibre cables little faster than a human hair which can carry it across continents, are already revolutionizing the way we live; and the process can only accelerate.

Not every 1994 house will have every feature described here. What we are suggesting is the likely shape of things to come, based on forecasts from technology that is either already available or about to be

developed. In the end it will depend on price and, most important, whether the public actually wants what it is offered.

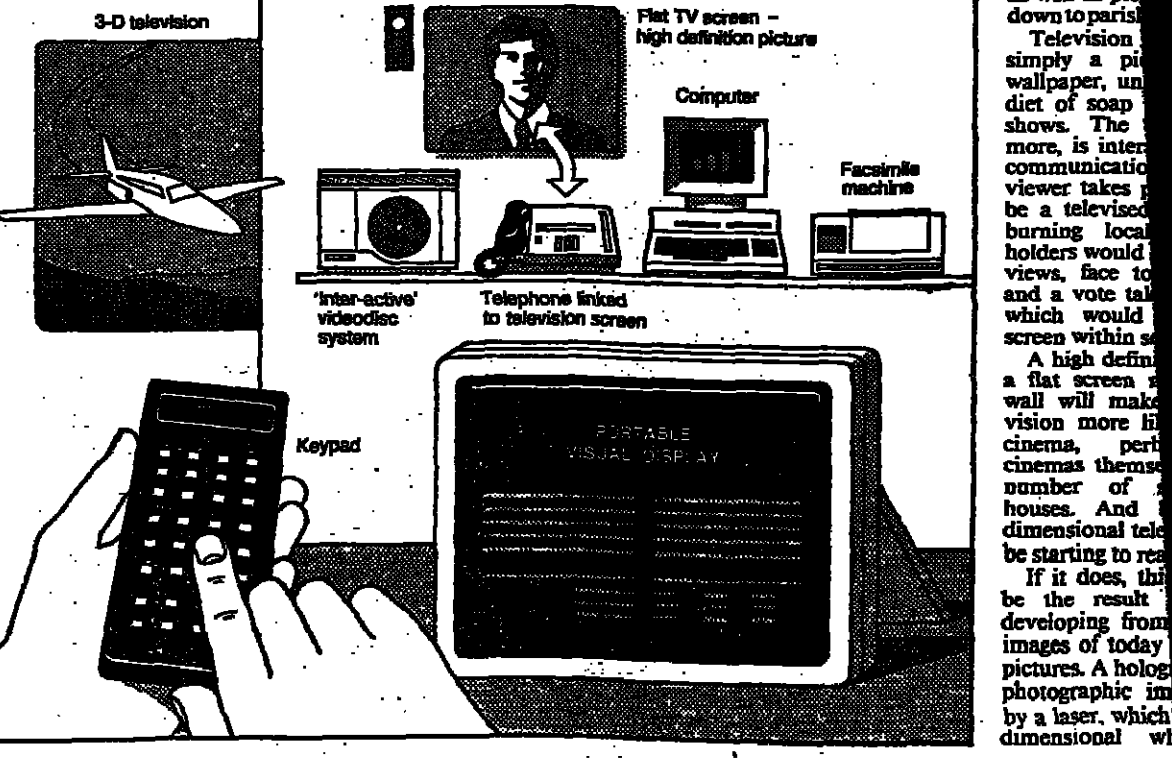
In many cases the facilities for making life easier will surely overcome any doubts. Why make a special journey to the bank, when, at the best of a keyboard precise details of the state of your account can be called up on a screen and you can pay in and withdraw money without a pen touching paper?

Shopping, too, will become a simple matter of calling up your supermarket on the visual display, finding out what items are available at what prices, even being able to see them. You key in your shopping list, the shop collects and packs the goods for you, debits your bank account and you call round at your convenience.

You fancy an evening at the theatre. You call up the relevant page on your videodata system, telling you what shows are on. You choose one, key into the theatre where it is playing and find out performance times, availability of tickets and prices. You make your choice, give your credit number and in seconds the deal is done.

You can book a holiday in the same way, telling the travel agent where and when you want to go and how much you want to spend and back will come the information on your screen. You may also be able to see a short film of the resort to help you make up your mind.

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# Ready for take-off in a competitive jungle

Until the early 1970s airline tickets cost the same no matter whether you bought them from an airline ticket office or a travel agent approved by the International Air Transport Association (Iata). Tickets were at fixed prices and on most routes you only had a couple of fares to choose from. The fares were easy to understand, but the market was tightly controlled and scheduled air travel was prohibitively expensive.

Today with the skies opened to competition, and Iata having lost its grip on fares, prices have fallen dramatically in real terms. Air travel is now within the reach of almost everyone. But with the low fares has come confusion. Travellers now have dozens of choices. And although there are bargains around, just how do you find the right one for your needs?

## Official promotions

Leaving aside the full-rate first- and economy-class fares used by business travellers, let us start by looking at the official promotional fares. These are the ones sold by airline ticket offices and all Iata agents. Such fares go under names like Excursion, Apex, Super Apex, Standby, Firecracker and Late Booking Fare. Different fares can apply to different routes. British Airways is trying to simplify the titles by calling



them just "Savers" for example, Late Saver, Early Saver, African Saver. As far as availability goes, there is a Saver fare of a sort to almost every destination.

All promotional fares come with restrictions. You might have to buy a ticket a month in advance or stay seven days at your destination. On the popular holiday routes fares fluctuate depending on the date of travel, but if you choose your dates carefully you can make big savings. There will be cancellation and amendment charges too and these can vary from as little as £30 to the entire cost of the fare. Generally speaking, the cheaper the fare the more restrictions there are.

BA produces useful "Pound-stretcher" leaflets which explain, destination by destination, all the fares and their restrictions.

All promotional fares are liable to change at short notice but you can buy them up to 12 months ahead and so guarantee the price.

## Checked prices

The cheapest flights are bought through consolidation agents. These flights are far more popular because they are sold in blocks of 10 or more seats. The operator of the flight books blocks of seats to individuals at a price which is the cheapest price he himself would pay. This is no cheaper for the operator than the price he would pay for the seats if he sold them individually. The operator of the flight books blocks of seats to individuals at a price which is the cheapest price he himself would pay. This is no cheaper for the operator than the price he would pay for the seats if he sold them individually.

## Clear flights

These are the cheapest flights but they come with restrictions. Make sure you know the dates of the flight. They are sold by the airline to individuals at a price which is the cheapest price he himself would pay. This is no cheaper for the operator than the price he would pay for the seats if he sold them individually.

## Bucket shop fares

It is these that arouse the most interest. They are also called "unofficially discounted fares" because they are not shown in any tariff book and most are sold by unlicensed agents known as "bucket shops". Bucket shop fares are seats that would otherwise remain unsold. They are put on the market by airlines on the basis that a little cash is better than none at all. Quite simply, there is nothing so perishable as an airline seat: once the plane's door has shut that empty seat is completely wasted.

The airlines choose bucket shops to dispose of their surplus seats because they see them as creative salesmen whereas many high street agents are viewed as little more than order takers.

Travellers are not breaking the law when they buy a bucket shop ticket and may save up to

70 per cent of the normal full fare. But availability of bucket shop fares varies from airline to airline, route to route, and it is important to remember the following rules:

- Genuine discounts are not available on domestic, European or North American routes. Those discounted fares that are offered are not exclusive to bucket shops: any agent can supply them.
- The main areas to which you can travel on discounted fares are Asia, the Far East, Australasia, Africa and Latin America.
- Discounted tickets are available only for simple out and back journeys.
- Do not expect to get a discount on a route served by just one airline.
- Availability is governed by the law of supply and demand. Expect fewer tickets at higher prices if you plan to travel at a busy time.
- Discounting does not always mean a cheaper fare. It also refers to being able to buy Apex tickets within the normal booking period or getting other restrictions waived.

Bucket shops trade discreetly. They do not usually have street level premises. Instead, to cut costs, they operate from upper floors of city-centre office buildings, mostly in London and the South East. But how can you find one? Well, a word-of-mouth recommendation from a friend or colleague is one way. Another is to scan the classified travel advertisements in *The Times* and other newspapers and magazines. Advertisements for cheap or discount fares which make no mention of Iata or Abta (the Association of British Travel Agents) membership are likely to be bucket shops.

To make sure you are being offered a good deal, first check the official fare from an airline or Iata travel agent. Then check to see what the bucket shops can offer. Because prices fluctuate so much - each bucket shop puts a different mark-up on the



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# Bids for the big time with echoes of a bygone age

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Despite the plethora of big-name tours that surround the immediate Christmas period the major labels are traditionally all quiet on the recorded front. Smaller independent outlets, less concerned with timely marketing strategies, continue to push their wares in the 'knowledge' that beneficial coverage can elevate an act to the mainstream.

The Cocoteau Twins, an engaging boy-girl duo, are a case in point. Both their recent albums, *Garlands* and the new *Head Over Heels*, are beginning to reach a wider audience. Elizabeth Frazer and Robin Guthrie make a kind of music that may be too singular to appeal to today's singles-buying public.

On first listening the songs on *Head Over Heels* seem too distant in production and atmosphere to grab the attention of ears used to sudden, glossy impact. The effect of Frazer's eerie chanting and Guthrie's diffuse instrumentation, a combination of syncretized rhythms with layers of sparse melody, suggests sound heard from the bottom of a well or the end of a tunnel.

The best songs like "Sugar Hiccup" and "Glass Candle Grenades" almost emerge into light but still retain the Twins' effective if languorous approach; watery though never wet. Anyone with a penchant for echoes of Joy Division, Siouxsie or The Associates will find *Head Over Heels* appeals.

The Prisoners' *The Prisoners* doesn't bother to disguise its intention. This young quartet from the south of England have locked them-

selves away in anachronistic, late-1960s British psychedelia. Those with fond memories of the time when Harold Wilson was still backing Britain or who yearn for the return of Carnaby Street with proper pavements will understand what The Prisoners are about.

Singer Graham Day is no Steve Marriott but when he stops forcing his voice he comes close to hinting at the sweeter strains of Squeeze's Chris Difford. The Prisoners' musical virtuoso is their keyboard player, Jamie Taylor, who handles everything from electric organ to harpsichord with the right deranged touch. There is a danger in regurgitating these arcane forms but I admire The Prisoners' zeal and feel.

Einstürzende Neubauten (German for collapsing new buildings) provide a different sound-track for a different age. This Hamburg-based sextet, have been credited with leading the current interest in metal music, a style that approximates to aural performance art. Neubauten's Marc Chung insists that they are not solely interested in industrial noise but utilize whatever materials best serve their radical treatments. Hence Neubauten concoct a challenging variation of everyday muzak with the aid of cement mixers, styrofoam, plastic and even foetal heart detectors.

If this all sounds as if it makes for daunting listening, you're entirely right. Nevertheless *Zeichnungen Des Patienten O.T.* has a method to its madness. It's an experience that must either be surrendered to or ignored.

Romford's Billy Bragg is another solo artist with heart and soul in the right place. His *Life's A Riot With Spy Vs Spy* came out last summer but is only now sifting through as the music press lionizes individual wit and charm. His songs have a rough and ready honesty, rather like a more naked Clash. The ex-Army boy subscribes to the unfashionable "have guitar, will travel" sensibility and the better numbers, "Man In The Iron Mask" or "Lovers Town Revisited" benefit from a live setting.

The Inspirational Choir of the Pentecostal First Born Church of the Living God are an English congregation capable of uplifting the most irreligious ears. They came to popular prominence after singing and playing with Madness whose producers Clanger/Winstanley gathered the instrumental backing for the gospel treat.

The title track "Clean Heart" and its four partners ring out with a spiritual candour which is a long-overdue compliment to the imported sounds and harmonies of Big Maybelle Smith or Al Green.

Max Bell



Sounds healthy: The soothing Dr John (centre), whose dexterity with boogie and rhythm-and-blues is a sophisticated of jazz artists Jimmy Giuffre (left) and Art Tatum

# Room boy rescued from brink of oblivion

glasses sometimes carried traces of a previous user's lipstick. In short, the Open Door was typical of the sort of place that one has always had to frequent in order to find out what really is happening in jazz.

Fruscella and Moore's chosen themes include Monk's *Hacker's*, Jackie McLean's *Donna*, Lester Young's *Blue Lester*, and they are explored at length. The trumpeter gets the kind of veiled sound which Miles Davis later made familiar, and his phrases, notably on Young's blues are, with their unexpected twists and turns, acutely expressive as they attack us from unanticipated angles. In fact, despite the relaxed circumstances in which this music was set down, the curious oblique intensity of Fruscella's playing rarely flags. Nor does his invention.

In some respects, the music of Ben Conroy and Charlie Booty is a sort of country-boy equivalent to Fruscella and Moore's jazz-for-nightpeople. Their barrelhouse, boogie, blues and ragtime has been beaten out for decades in countless back-room honky tonks across America, often on pianos even worse than the one at the Open Door. Their two-keyboard *Goldenrod* commemorates the many duets they have played on the riverboat of that name, site of the annual St Louis Ragtime Festival.

Something of discovery is Sol Ginsberg's charmingly melodious *Phantom Rag*, of which this seems to be the first recording. But the main tutelar presence here is Albert Ammons, for Conroy's *Psalm 32-11* is an accomplished variant on the earlier master's *Shout for Joy*, while Albert's thing is in the vein of his *Chicago in mind*. Booty impresses with Bloom and Melrose's 1927 *Melancholy*, of which he gives a performance which is at once bracing and thoughtful, while his interesting *Stomping in Texas* preserves elements of a hitherto partially unfamiliar piano blues style.

From the same repertoire comes Mr Freddie blues, but Art Tatum applies to it all the resources of sophisticated jazz pianism. Here are sharply dissonant note-clusters, tremo-

los at several exactly controlled speeds, a variety of cross-rhythms, a sensuous harmonic complexity none of it conflicting with the music's essential truth. However, considering the earthy background of such pieces, it is amusing that this should be one of a group of solos taped during parties given, in 1950 and 1955, at the Beverly Hills home of a Hollywood music director.

In Fats Waller's *Jitterbug Waltz* - a title that is a nice piece of self-contradiction - Tatum is restrained, reflective, yet still indescribably delectable. A title which is deceptive in a different way is that of Ellington's *In a sentimental mood*, from which a many-voiced structure is made to grow. Here lyrical expression and racing, florid embellishments enter into an unusual partnership that produces lines which really are extraordinary - long, eccentric, full of unexpected holes, leaps and accents.

With Jimmy Giuffre's trio, musical sophistication moves in the opposite direction, everything being pared down to absolute essentials. We still have the blues, in fact *Two kinds of blues* is one of the album's best tracks, suggesting more than two kinds of mood. Jerome Kern might not recognize himself in this terse reading of *The Song is you* for tenor saxophone, guitar and bass, because this playing reaches back to nameless country music which lies beyond ragtime or the blues. This characteristic is most marked in Giuffre's own *Crawdad Suite*, which is minor-keyed, folksy, remote.

There is a similar feel to the delightfully pictorial *Train and the river*, in which he is heard on clarinet, tenor and baritone saxes. On the whole, though, he plays clarinet, often in the *chalmereau* register, producing a thick, woody yet voice-like sound as in *Crazy, she calls me*. This last is a feature for Jim Hall who, moving easily into and out of tempo, weaves a beautifully shaped guitar solo, full of surprising nuances, with Giuffre's clarinet and Ralph Pena's bass murmuring softly in the background.

Max Harrison

## Collecting

## Distinctive artifacts from the antipodes

It is not often that an entire continent enthuses over one collecting field, but in the case of "Australiana" the reasons are self-explanatory. What is less obvious is why all things Australian have become so desirable in the last couple of years. Where Australians used to prefer European antiques, now they have created a strong and growing market not only in Australian paintings and decorative arts but also in Aboriginal art, letters and stamps from the early convict period, pine furniture from the mining towns and even mounted emu eggs and other such inherently kitsch objects as coffee table carved of mulga wood in the shape of Australia.

The Australians involved in the market agree that their countryman's interest in their own heritage began with Gough Whitlam, the Prime Minister who encouraged a renewed pride and national fervour.

The development of Australia's rich resources and increased trade with the Far East created wealth that could be channelled into the arts. The Australian film industry has gained a place in world cinema; museums have begun to buy Australian artifacts (there is for example, a theatre museum in Melbourne); contemporary artists and especially jewellers working with native metals and stones find enthusiastic patrons. As George Hewitt of Sotheby's new Melbourne office says, "there is a marvellous artistic drive in Australia now".

Sotheby's Australian office, which held its first sale in March this year, is run by two Australians from the firm's London base - Robert Bleckley, who was head of their primitive art department, and George Hewitt, a jewelry expert - and

an Englishwoman, Ann Roberts, from the Oriental department, married to an Australian. The intention is to give Australians the chance to buy good quality works of art in their own country. In the March sale of items collected in London and shipped over, the celebrated portrait of Captain Cook, went, Down Under, to a London dealer for £301,190 - far more than would have been expected in a British sale.

### Romance and sharp light of the outback

Although furniture, silver and ceramics of the turn of the century decorated with kangaroo or gum leaf motifs are undoubtedly popular, the strongest part of the market seems to be the paintings of the late nineteenth century and of the inter-war period. In the 1880s several European artists emigrated to Australia, and many Australian artists studied in Paris. The result is a wealth of wonderful Impressionist-style works with a distinctive antipodean palette, especially landscapes filled with the romance and sharp light of the vast spaces of the continent.

The first books on Australian art are now beginning to appear and the "big" names for the future are being put on the art-historical map. There are not only artists like Rupert Bunny or Tom Roberts, but also Aboriginals such as Albert Namatjira began his career guiding a professional watercolourist around Central Australia, then he too turned to painting and gradually learnt more sophisticated techniques. His success in the 1930s and 1940s opened the way for a new school of painting.



Old-timer: "The Veteran at 84" by Garth Legge

Another distinctively Australian artist, whose works are extremely rare, is William Ricketts, a poet who bought a mountain retreat in a celebration of Mother Earth. His sanctuary near Melbourne and, using clay from Central Australia, carved his own mythological figures - half men, half kangaroo - in a celebration of Mother Earth. His sanctuary is now a national park.

But appreciation of Australian themes is not limited to the antipodes. Noel Tovey, an Australian whose Fulham Road shop, L'Odeon, specializes in Art Deco, also buys Australian art. He is of the generation of Barry Humphries, Germaine Greer, Clive James and Carmen Callil, who came to London in search of culture and excitement. He is delighted with the

resurgence of pride in his home country and feels that his fellow ex-patriots are now able to "come out" about being Australian and proud of it. He believes that, as Australians in Britain begin to buy for their own homes, the British will come to appreciate the distinctive qualities of Australian art.

After all, once the Americans began to appreciate the simplicity and elegance of their colonial period it did not take long for patchwork quilts and decoy ducks to become an important element of decoration chic here. Perhaps at last, following Gough Whitlam's lead, the British will finally learn to stop making jokes about Australians.

Isabelle Anscombe

## Painless way to make use of the dregs

Along with moving into a new diary and clearing away the last of the Christmas decorations, the first weekend in January is also a good time to take stock of your drinks cupboard and wine cellar - regardless of whether there is just a case or two tucked under the stairs or a much grander affair.

Now that the festivities are over, it's silly to let those half-empty bottles gather dust on the sideboard, for even fortified wines and liqueurs deteriorate after a while. You can afford to be ruthless with what remains: the remnants of herb or orange-based liqueurs such as Benedictine and Cointreau can be used to flavour soufflés, the last dribble of fruit liqueurs such as Crème de Cassis or Framboise can be poured over ice-cream, and any dregs of port, brandy or madeira will cheer up mulled wine, syllabub, fruit cake and all sorts of sauces for meat or fish.

Getting rid of any tired or disappointing bottles of wine is equally painless: simply top up the vinegar crock or make the first of this year's coq au vin or boeuf bourguignon. While you are at it, check that the corks and foil wrappers of the rest are still sound; any bottles that are weeping or have a low level (about an inch below the shoulder of the bottle) obviously have faulty corks and should either be drunk immediately or consigned to the cooking pot.

### Bargains from the bin-end sales

The wine trade sorts out its cellar at this time of year, too, and it pays to keep an eye on those New Year offers and bin-end sales for the discounts are often generous. Department store wine sales always seem a bit dull but there are usually some good bargains to be had from wine merchants.

Laytons' new year offer runs until the end of January and good buys on this list include half bottles of a Lamblin '81 Bourgogne Aigot for just £1.47 and bottles of Deutz Brut non-vintage that came third in our recent champagne tasting, priced at just under £8 - the normal price is £9. (Send for details from Laytons, 20 Midland Road, London NW1.) Other wine merchants who have sales coming up include Adnams of Southwold, Aveyers of Bristol, Corney and Barrow, London EC1, and Les Amis du Vin, London W1, WC2 and W12, all of which should be worth exploring.

Supermarkets wine shelves are also worth investigating at this time of year - not, alas, for discounts but in order to catch up on any festive purchases that you might have missed in the Christmas rush. Marks & Spencer usually carry half a dozen Christmas specials in addition to their usual range and a star among these is their '80 Savignac les Beaune, produced and bottled somewhat confusingly by the Bordeaux house of Crusier 1980 was not a good year in either Bordeaux or Burgundy, but some decent

teau Belgrave '80. This full, grassy Haut-Médoc wine comes from the parish of St Laurent but its vineyards abut those of St Julien. Priced at £4.99, Belgrave '80 is a good January buy.

If you would like to start the New Year drinking claret but feel your finances need watching, try the new 1981 edition of Harveys No 1 Claret (£3.34 at Harveys, 27 Pall Mall, London SW1 and 12 Denmark Street, Bristol; £3.49 at Victoria Wine). The '81 is not as impressive as their previous '78 vintage but with its vivid, purple-red colour and warm bouquet backed up by an austere, grassy taste this sturdy claret will partner winter stews and casseroles with ease; given time it should round out to a softer and fruitier mouthful just as the '78 did.

Rioja makes an excellent winter warmer and I recently retasted Bodegas Riojanas' distinguished '76 Monte Real

Reserva (£3.50), a fine Rioja Alta wine first imported into this country about five years ago. This mature-tasting wine has a purple-red colour, a lovely warm oaky smell and a warm spicy taste and a pleasingly oaky finish - exactly the sort of wine that is guaranteed to chase away the new year blues (Les Amis du Vin, £4.40).

Finally, if going back to work after the holiday has all proved too much, try cheering yourself up with Les Amis du Vin's new own-label champagne. Réserve Brut is a smashing full-bodied rich, biscuity champagne that is well worth its £7.99 price (and that includes VAT and delivery). This bubbly from Bruno Paillard in Rheims obviously has a lot of Pinot Noir in its mix and I suspect there is a fair amount of aged bubbly too - hence its full-bodied finesse.

Jane MacQuitty

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Outback original: "The Out-Station" by Sir Russell Drysdale, (painted c. 1964), one of Australia's most distinguished artists



## PREVIEW Theatre

# Roll up, roll up for a more than Marcel M

Mime to many people means Marcel Marceau, but to prove that there is more to the art than even that brilliant performer demonstrates, the London International Mime Festival opens on Tuesday for a season that lasts until February 4.

The seventh festival embraces circus, visual theatre and vaudeville as well as mime and has 15 groups and performers from Britain, the United States, Europe, Israel and India in shows at several venues throughout London.

The festival has played to near-capacity audiences in small theatres in the past, and Joe Seelig, the organizer, believes there is a growing audience for "non-text" theatre. "Each time the festival has grown and developed, and this is now the biggest international mime festival," he says.

"Mime in its widest form gives very high entertainment value. That is what makes it so popular, but it does not mean that the audience need not think. Any effort put in by the spectator is rewarded by seeing how an actor can create a story with his body," Seelig says.

While regarding Marcel Marceau with the deepest respect, Seelig argues that one of the reasons for the festival is

that mime includes far more than Marceau can offer, and it tries to get away from his particular form of the art. That said, he admits that mime is a small world and that there are not that many good clowns about, although one is Geoff Hoyle, a member of the excellent Pickle Family Circus. He will be returning from the United States with Keith Terry, an ex-Pickle musician, in a new music-comedy revue which is rooted in the tradition of the mimetic clowns such as Chaplin, Keaton and Tati (Shaw Theatre: Jan 25-28).

## London Mime Festival

The Circus Fratellini (Shaw Theatre: Jan 17-22) was founded in 1974 as the first ever National School of Circus in France by Annie Fratellini, a member of the family which began in circuses in 1909, and her husband Pierre, the French film director. Making its British debut, the Circus Fratellini is a 15-strong troupe with Annie and her daughter as the leading clowns, and including acrobats, trapeze artists, contortionists and jugglers.

Foolsfire (Riverside Studios: Jan 10-15) is an award-winning show from New York which brings together the mime,

and clowning talents of Michael Carbone, a performer in the Eccentric, Alvin in Atlanta, La Theatre: Jan 22-23, 26-27, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34, 35-36, 37-38, 39-40, 41-42, 43-44, 45-46, 47-48, 49-50, 51-52, 53-54, 55-56, 57-58, 59-60, 61-62, 63-64, 65-66, 67-68, 69-70, 71-72, 73-74, 75-76, 77-78, 79-80, 81-82, 83-84, 85-86, 87-88, 89-90, 91-92, 93-94, 95-96, 97-98, 99-100, 101-102, 103-104, 105-106, 107-108, 109-110, 111-112, 113-114, 115-116, 117-118, 119-120, 121-122, 123-124, 125-126, 127-128, 129-130, 131-132, 133-134, 135-136, 137-138, 139-140, 141-142, 143-144, 145-146, 147-148, 149-150, 151-152, 153-154, 155-156, 157-158, 159-160, 161-162, 163-164, 165-166, 167-168, 169-170, 171-172, 173-174, 175-176, 177-178, 179-180, 181-182, 183-184, 185-186, 187-188, 189-190, 191-192, 193-194, 195-196, 197-198, 199-200, 201-202, 203-204, 205-206, 207-208, 209-210, 211-212, 213-214, 215-216, 217-218, 219-220, 221-222, 223-224, 225-226, 227-228, 229-230, 231-232, 233-234, 235-236, 237-238, 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PREVIEW Films

# Unravelling riddles of a radical past

Tucked away inside the end credits, Sidney Lumet's latest film *Daniel* carries the usual disclaimer: "This film is not a biography of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg. It is a work of fiction." But for the first time, the disclaimer is suspect. Daniel's parents, Paul and Rochelle Isaacson, share the general life story and the precise historical fate of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, executed in America in 1953 on charges of espionage and anti-communist fervour. Neither Lumet nor his scriptwriter and co-producer E. J. Donaghy deny the connection, though both stress the importance of the perspective in which their Rosenberg types are set.

"I set out to make a movie about parents and children," Lumet declared in one press interview. "To me, *Daniel* is the story of a boy who buries himself in his parents and spends the rest of his life trying to climb out of the grave."

Daniel Isaacson, played by Timothy Hutton (from *Ordinary People*), provides the film with its structure and emotional tone. A hirsute 1960s graduate student with fuzzy convictions, he tries to unravel his haunted past, to see in golden-hued flashbacks (as in *The Verdict*, Lumet uses the Polish photographer Andrzej Bartkowicz, to striking effect). But no clear solution to the Rosenberg riddle is offered: Lumet deliberately refused guidance to cast members who thought knowledge of the Rosenbergs' guilt or innocence would improve their performance. "Put it out of your mind," he would tell them, "it's not part of the discussion."

His attitude is shared by E. J. Donaghy, who wrote his first script in the early 1970s soon after his novel *The Book of Daniel*. In some ways the Rosenberg case mattered less than the general context of radical politics. "What is the role of the radical in America? Was it sacrificial? Why do the left movements always destroy themselves? These questions intrigued me far more than the legal specifics of the Rosenberg case."

Both the writer and director therefore felt free to alter details. The Rosenbergs had two boys, rather than a boy and a girl; the informant who headed them in jail was not just a Party friend and neighbour but one of the family - Ethel's youngest brother. Recently released documents, gathered in the book *The Rosenberg File: A Search for the Truth*, point, moreover, to Julius's guilt, though contrary interpretations have also been offered.

Lumet was anxious to film the subject as soon as Doctorow's novel appeared but it took 12 years of Hollywood rejections to mount a production. From Lumet's standpoint, the passage of time may make little difference: his interest in the workings of justice, first apparent in *Twelve Angry Men*, is abiding. Yet there is a definite late 1960s colouring to Doctorow's material, and the assumptions made about radical politics look somewhat cosy in today's harsher climate. Perhaps it is time to take Lumet at his word - place the Rosenbergs at the back of one's mind and just watch a movie about parents and children.

Geoff Brown

Daniel opens in London on Thurs at the Gate Notting Hill and the Gate Bloomsbury.



Horror-struck: Rochelle Isaacson (Lynsey Crouse) is executed after 'being found guilty of espionage'.

## Critics' choice

**GORKY PARK (15)**  
Leicester Square Theatre (330 5252)  
Odeon Kensington (602 6644)  
For the film adaptation of Martin Cruz Smith's thriller Moscow's park, hotel and snow were skilfully recreated in Helsinki and Stockholm to give a bleak visual surface. William Hurt plays Arkady Renko, an investigator with the Moscow militia, obsessively tracking a fast-moving killer. Involving three mangled bodies. Michael Apted directs. Dennis Potter wrote the screenplay.

**JAWS III D (PG)**  
ABC Bayswater (229 4149)  
ABC Edgware Road (723 5901)  
ABC Fulham Road (370 2636)  
Classic Oxford Street (636 0310)  
A must for anyone still anxious to get his teeth into a good disaster/horror movie. The poor old great white shark is once again the villain of the piece, this time plucking his wits and outsize jaws against the well-meaning scientists running a kind of super underwater theme-park in Florida. The implausible plot is redeemed by the use of a new 3-D technique which uses only one camera to shoot two images on a split beam.

**THE JUNGLE BOOK (U)**  
MICKY'S CHRISTMAS CAROL (U)  
Classic Chelsea (352 5096)  
Odeon Kensington (602 6644)  
Odeon Marble Arch (723 2011/2)  
Odeon National release.  
Walt Disney's glorious cartoon treatment of Rudyard Kipling, made in 1967, with excellent jokes and songs. Also, Mickey Mouse's comeback film, derived from Charles Dickens. Donald Duck is Uncle Scrooge McDuck. Goody is Marley's Ghost; but Mickey, in a secondary role, is the indubitable star.

**LIQUID SKY (18)**  
Classic Chelsea (352 5096)  
ICA Cinema (930 3647, closed Mon)  
Unique and outrageous blend of punk music, fashion show and science-fiction parody, filmed in New York by a group of Russian émigrés clearly delighting in Western decadence. New Wave dignitary Anne Carls stars as the Manhattan beauty whose roof plays host to an alien visitor hooked on heroin. Directed by Slava Tsukerman.

**MARY POPPINS (U)**  
The Royal, Charing Cross Road (636 6915)  
Disney's famous musical about an Edwardian nanny with magical gifts; full of high spirits, jolly songs and technical wizardry. Made in 1964, with Julie Andrews, David Tomlinson, Glynis Johns, Dick Van Dyke.

**NEVER SAY NEVER AGAIN (PG)**  
ABC Bayswater (229 4149)  
ABC Edgware Road (723 5901)  
ABC Fulham Road (370 2636)  
ABC Shaftesbury Avenue (636 8861)  
Classic Haymarket (839 1527)  
Classic Tottenham Court Road (636 6148)  
Studio Oxford Circus (437 3300)  
Warner West End (438 0791)  
and on national release.  
"Never," Sean Connery used to say when asked to play James Bond again after relinquishing the role in 1971. Yet here he is - older,

less jaunty, but still primed for action - trying to prevent the world's destruction in a renegade Bond adventure.

**NOSTALGIA (15)**  
Camden Place (485 2443)  
Also showing at the Arrol, Bristol (0272 299191), until Jan 18  
Expect no easy walk in old times: the director is Andrei Tarkovsky, the Russian cinema's intellectual poet, responsible for *Solaris* and *Stalker*. Characters cluster in a Tuscan village to ponder their memories, emotions and perception of reality. Co-produced with Italy. It won the Grand Prize for Creative Cinema at this year's Cannes festival. With Cleg Yankovsky, Domiziana Giordano, Eriq La Salle, Wendell Berry.

**REAR WINDOW (PG)**  
Classic Chelsea (352 5096)  
One of Hitchcock's most audacious thrillers returns to public prominence after years in limbo. James Stewart stars as the photographer who locates a nasty murder in his telephoto lens while nursing a broken leg. Full of teasing emotions and technical ingenuity. Made in 1954, with Grace Kelly, Wendell Berry, Thelma Ritter, Raymond Burr.

**TRADING PLACES (15)**  
ABC Bayswater (229 4141)  
ABC Edgware Road (723 5901)  
ABC Fulham Road (370 2636)  
ABC Shaftesbury Avenue (636 8861)  
A smug white pillar of Wall Street is forced to swap fortunes with a resilient black cornman. John Landis's comedy evokes trenchant satire and lacks the rigorous wit of its Hollywood ancestors, but performances and details please. Viewed by a large audience bent on enjoyment, its success seems guaranteed. With Dan Aykroyd, Eddie Murphy, Ralph Bellamy, Don Ameche, Jamie Lee Curtis.

**ZELIG (PG)**  
ABC Fulham Road (370 2636)  
Classic Oxford Street (636 0310)  
Gate Bloomsbury (837 8402)  
Gate Mayfair (483 0791)  
Warner West End (438 0791)  
There may be Woody Allen films with a bigger pile of laughs, but none can compare with this pseudo-documentary for bizarre imagination and technical brilliance. The history of Leonard Zelig, the human chameleon, prompts good jokes about modern neuroses and American society, but Allen's brightest achievement is the fabrication of a bogus - and completely believable - legend from authentic visual documents. Documentary portraits will never seem the same again. With Mia Farrow.

## PREVIEW Music

### Concerts

**GOTKOVSKY**  
Today, 7.30pm, Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (935 2141, credit cards 930 9232)  
For the second concert in their series devoted to Beethoven's complete works for violin and piano, Neil Gotkovsky and Ivar Gotkovsky present the Sonatas Op 12 No 2, 30 No 3 and 47 "Kreutzer" together with the Rondo WoO 41 and Allegretto WoO 42.

**RAVEL DAY**  
Tomorrow, 4pm, Royal Opera House, Covent Garden (240 1066, credit cards, 240 1911)  
In two programmes at 4pm and 7.30pm, the Ravel/Varèse Festival presents almost all Ravel's songs and chamber works. These include the String Quartet, both violin sonatas, *Sites Acoustiques* for two pianos, and much else.

**MAPP PLAYS MARTINI**  
Tomorrow, 3.30pm, Wigmore Hall  
Richard Mapp plays Martin's rarely heard *Butterflies and Birds of Paradise* for piano, Ravel's *Valses Nobles* at the piano, Saint-Saëns's *Etude en Forme de Valse*, and the Bach-Busoni Chaconne.

**DVORAK'S DUMKY**  
Tomorrow, 6.30pm, Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London WC1 (482 8832)  
The South Place concerts begin their 1984 activities with the Park Lane Group's Trio in Dvorak's "Dumky" Trio, Mozart's Trio K 502 and Schostak's seldom played Trio 12.

**VAUGHAN WILLIAMS**  
Tomorrow, 7.30pm, Free Trade Hall, Manchester (061 271719)  
Vaughan Williams's delightful yet rarely performed Oboe Concerto, with Richard Simpson as soloist, is a major attraction in this concert by the Hallé Orchestra. Colin Arwell Hughes also conducts Elgar's *Cockaigne Overture*, Debussy's *Walk to the Paradise Garden* and Rimsky-Korsakov's *Scherzando*.

**Opera**  
**LYTTLETON THEATRE**  
The most interesting opera of the week could well be a new one, *Where the Wild Things Are* composed by Oliver Knussen and libretto by Maurice Sendak, based on his book of the same name. Full performance details are on page 20.  
The Times in conjunction with Glyndebourne will be running a competition for the best reviews of *Wild Things* (minimum wordage 400, maximum 600) received by Jan 31. The competition is open to all school-leavers under 19. The first prize is £25 and the second £15.  
*Where the Wild Things Are* will be performed in a double bill with another opera by Knussen and Sendak, *Higgly, Piggly Pop*, during the Glyndebourne autumn tour this year. The runner-up will be offered two seats for this double

**Connolly's Garden of Forlorn Paths**, Busoni's *Fantasia Contrapuntistica*. At 7.30pm: songs including Dallapiccola's *Rencore*, Cathy Berberian's *Stripsody*, Wall's *Songs from the Unknown*.

**WISSAM BOUSTANY**  
Mon, 7.30pm, Wigmore Hall  
The flautist Wissam Boustany gives the world premiere of Holt's *Maestro*, and follows it up with Jolivet's *Chant de Linos*, Widor's *Suite Op 34* and Telemann's exciting *Fantasies Nos 2 and 10*. Russell Lomas is at the piano.

**PARK LANE GROUP**  
Tues, 7.30pm, Purcell Room  
This Park Lane Group concert includes Lutyens's *She Tells Her Love* when half asleep, Bedford's *Some Stars Above Magnitude 2.9*, Dallapiccola's *Linche de Antonio Machado*, and Czekan's *Te Orens Gaughn*. Earlier, at 6pm, Birtwistle's *Verdes*, Davies's *Hymns*, Maconochie's *Fantasia* and a sonata by Howells can be heard.

**BEETHOVEN**  
Tues, 7.30pm, Wigmore Hall  
For the third concert in their series devoted to Beethoven's complete works for violin and piano, Neil Gotkovsky and Ivar Gotkovsky present the Sonatas Op 30 Nos 1 and 2, and Op 50, together with the Variations WoO 46.

**HAYDN, SCHUMANN**  
Wed, 7.45pm, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (628 5755, credit cards 636 8861)  
In the first of a sequence of programmes of Haydn and Schumann, Sir John Pritchard conducts the BBC Symphony Orchestra in Haydn's "Dram Roll" Symphony (No 108) and Schumann's Piano Concerto.

**VERESS PREMIERE**  
Wed, 6pm, Purcell Room  
Centrepiece of a concert of unaccompanied cello music is the UK premiere of Sandor Veress's *Sonata*. It is preceded by Hindemith's *Sonata Op 25 No 3* and followed by Britten's *Suite No 3*. At 7.30pm come Bliss's *supra* Viola Sonata, Boulez's *Duo* and Connolly's *Tesserae B*.

**CLAUDE HELFFER**  
Wed, 7.30pm, Wigmore Hall  
After playing a Rameau gavotte, Claude Helffer bravely enters the labyrinth of Boulez's *Piano Sonata*. No 2 and later embarks on Debussy's *Estampes* and *Etudes* Book 2.

**NIGHT THOUGHTS**  
Thurs, 6pm, Purcell Room  
Connolly's *Night Thoughts*, Copland's *Piano Variations*, Skempston's *Piano Pieces* and Lutyens's *Piano e Forte* are performed at 6pm; Kodaly's *Maroszek Dances*, Swayne's *Phoenix Variations*, Morel's *Etudes de Sonnettes*, Gerhart's *Gemini*, Bartok's *Suite Op 14* and Connolly's *Set for Two* at 7.30pm.

**TINTAGEL**  
Thurs, 7.30pm, Town Hall, Huddersfield (0484 221333)  
Patrick Thomson conducts the Hallé Orchestra in Bax's *Tintagel*, Wagner's *Masteringers Overture* and Dvorak's *Symphony No 7*. Stephen Hough plays in Liszt's *Piano Concerto No 2*.

**ENTRANCED**  
Fri, 7.30pm, Purcell Room  
Turnage's *Entranced*, for piano; Ginastera's *Inescapable Sonata*; Dallapiccola's *Esquedone Musicale*; Fala's *Piano Espagnole* and settings of Joyce by Szymanski, Sessions, Gossopson, Powers and others bring this Park Lane Group series to an end. Earlier, at 6pm, Lutyens's *Pastorales*, Connolly's *Tesserae A*, Skempston's *After Hyperion* and the London premiere of *Two Movements* by Koechlin can be heard.

**Soft and snitty: Soft Cell are at Hammersmith Palais, Nina Simone at Ronnie**

**Rock & Jazz**  
14 CARAT SOUL  
Tonight, 8pm, 380 Brixton Road, London SW9 (737 1477)  
Welcoming the drop of the dynamic a capella begins from New Jersey. The evening begins with a peak at the new swing sounds of young, local talents Six To The Bar, along with the Chevalier Brothers they're running ahead of the quaintest trend in months.

**WIPEDOUT/BODENE AND THE HORIZONTALS**  
Tonight, Dingwalls, Camden Lock, Camden High Street, London NW1 (267 4958)  
Not just R&B of the Stax variety characterizes Wipeout, but Bodene and chums bring yet more swing from South Bermondsey.

**GENO WASHINGTON & THE MOJO KINGS**  
Tonight, Half Moon, 93 Lower Richmond Road, Putney, London SW15 (738 2387)  
Old mode works outting.

**SUPERJAZZ**  
Tonight, Ronnie Scott's, 47 Firth Street, London W1 (438 0747)  
Last chance to see the young, 18-piece big band who scooped the prizes at the 1982 BBC awards.

**HERBIE HANCOCK**  
Tonight, The Venue, 180-182 Victoria Street, London SW1 (928 5441)  
It must be said that Herbie Hancock cuts his coat according to his cloth. He's switched from VSOP to scratch funk at the drop of a synthesizer proving there is life after jazz rock. The Rockit Band assist while Grand Mixer B. St. changes the signal. Should be interesting.

**THE BOX/MOODISTS/BOURGIE BOURGIE**  
Tomorrow, ICA Nash House, The Mall, London SW1 (930 0493)  
The ICA's well-established rock week finishes with Clock/DVA, offshoot the Box unravelling their Beebatesque assault. Further quorks come from Australian shores with The Moodists' down-at-heel meanderings. Light relief courtesy of new Scottish pop-sop-hopfuls Bourgie Bourgie.

**SOFT CELL**  
Mon and Tues, Hammersmith Palais, 242 Shepherd's Bush Road, London W6 (748 2812)  
An emotional farewell will be



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afforded to Soft Cell as they say hello and wave goodbye for the last time.

**BERT JANSCH**  
Mon, Half Moon, 93 Lower Richmond Road, London SW15 (738 2387)  
A solo evening of voice and guitar from the mellifluous, former Pentangle man.

**NINA SIMONE**  
Mon-Sat, Ronnie Scott's  
Highlight of the week is to be found deep in the heart of Soho where Ms Simone and Donald and Gertrude and Gershwin and Hart, her dusky, sultry tones are oiled by brother Waymon on keyboards and Henry Brown on guitar. Tickets are a steep £12.50, but worth it if she sings "My Baby Just Cares For Me".

**Solution of The Times Jumbo Crossword Competition**  
The winners of The Times Jumbo Crossword Competition published on Saturday December 24, 1983, are: Mr. Otho Court, Augustus Close, Brentford, Middlesex; Chalfont Road, Oxford; and C. S. Roberts, 10 Mo. Tumbidge Wells, Kent. They will each receive £50.



Mia Farrow as the devilish mother in *Rosemary's Baby*

and wiring up cinema seats to produce a mild electric shock. No such gimmicks were employed on *Rosemary's Baby*, which was adapted by Polanski from Ira Levin's book about a girl who is impregnated by the devil and gives birth to a monster. To play Rosemary the producer chose the 23-year-old Mia Farrow, who had appeared in only two previous films.

John Cassavetes plays her husband, and the supporting cast is a roster of seasoned Hollywood veterans including Ralph Bellamy, Sidney Blackmer, Patsy Kelly, that eternal fall-guy Elisha Cook junior, and Ruth Gordon, whose performance as the witch won her an Oscar for best supporting actress.

The strength of *Rosemary's Baby* is the subtlety with which it puts over its essentially sensational material. The horror is all the more effective for being built up gradually and grafted on to everyday happenings; and for not being unduly explicit.

Even so the film ran into problems with the British censor at the time. John Trevelyan, who insisted on a cut in the sequence in which Farrow dreams about going through the black magic rites which lead to the birth of her child, "Polanski is a fine artist," Trevelyan said, "but we have a job to do."

Peter Waymark

## Dance

**ROYAL BALLET**  
Covent Garden (240 1066).  
Evenings (except Sun) at 7.30pm. It is ballet every night this week. The *Sleeping Beauty* has four casts - Marguerite Porter and Jay Lloyd tonight, Jennifer Penney and David Wall (Tues), Rosalind Whitten and Stephen Jefferies (Wed), and Bryony Brind's first Aurora, with Derek Deane (Thurs). The other two performances are of *Cinderella*, with Merle Park and Wayne Eagling (Mon), Lesley Collier and Jefferies (Fri).

**SADLER'S WELLS ROYAL BALLET**  
Sadler's Wells (278 8916). Until Jan 14, evenings (not Sun) at 7.30pm, matinees Sat at 2.30pm. Two performances of *The Taming of the Shrew* today, with Margaret Barberi (matinée) and Marion Tait (evening). Next Mon-Thurs, David Clauer's exhilarating *Choros* is given with Massine's perennially popular *Boutique fantasque* and Kenneth MacMillan's *Elle*. *Syncope*. The season ends next weekend with an attractive triple bill of *Paquita*, *Prodigal Son* and *Pineapple Poll*.

**SCOTTISH BALLET**  
Glasgow, Royal (041 331 1234). Today at 2.15 and 7.15pm. Still in holiday mood, Peter Darrell's *Nutcracker* has Eleanor Moore as the heroine this afternoon. *Norfolk* Chorus tonight. It can also be seen at His Majesty's, Aberdeen, Jan 24-28.

**FESTIVAL BALLET**  
Festival Hall (928 3191). Until Jan 18, evenings (not Sun) at 7.30pm, matinees Sat at 2pm. The run of *The Nutcracker* ends today. Ben Stevenson's production of *Cinderella* opens Mon with Patricia Ruane (Mon, Fri), Andria Hall (Tues), Renata Calderini (Wed), Lucia Truglia (Thurs).

**Concise Crossword (No 242)**  
Prizes of the New Collins Concise English dictionary will be given for the first two correct solutions opened on Thursday, January 12, 1984. Entries should be addressed to The Times Concise Crossword Competition, 12 Coley Street, London WC9 9YT. The winners and solution will be announced on Saturday, January 14, 1984.

**ACROSS**  
1,4 Household gods (5)  
5 Nasty confusion (5)  
9 Neptune's spear (7)  
10 Frailty (8)  
11 Means of access (4)  
13 Arbitrary assertion (5)  
15 Flower seals (5)  
19 Drive out (4)  
20 Prolonged feud (8)  
23 Glimpse (7)  
24 Glorify (5)  
25 Muslim veil (7)  
26 Plumed headgear (5)  
**DOWN**  
1 Physical urge (6)  
2 Rise up (5)  
3 Inconspicuity (8)  
4 Political revolt (6)  
5 Catch (4)  
6 Disease treatment (7)  
7 Hindu widow's immolation (6)  
8 Bluntness (8)  
12 College graduate (7)  
16 Canning (6)  
17 Downy (5)  
18 Drumbeat signal (6)  
19 Jewelled headpiece (5)  
21 Celtic writing (4)

**SOLUTION TO No 241**  
ACROSS: 1 Primula 5 Joist 8 Sou 9 Culprit 10 Demur 11 Swin 12 Rectine 14 Ornithologist 16 Yorkist 18 Still 21 Among 22 Average 23 LSD 24 Husky 25 Entree 5 Induciveness 6 Ismaili 7 13 Polymath 15 Narrows 17 Trade 19 Lama 20 Merc  
Recommended dictionary is the New Collins Concise

**SOLUTION TO No 236 (last Saturday's prize concise)**  
ACROSS: 1 Scamp 4 Abridge 8 Ravel 9 Iterate 10 Vanquish 11 Gong 13 Blunt 15 Blunt 19 Loge 20 Watchful 23 Wartles 24 Ruse 25 Dendrocy 26 Maybe  
**DOWN:** 1 Shrove 2 Raven 3 Pellucid 4 Arioso 5 Rack 6 Dragon 7 Energy 8 Electron 14 Regatta 16 Glowed 17 Lassic 18 Alleg 21 Fancy 22 Flee

The winners of prize concise No 236 are: Mrs J. M. Lowe, 80 Brantingham Road, Whalley Range, Manchester M16; and R. F. Laugher, St Margaret's House, Mapledurham, Reading, Berkshire.



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## FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

### DCL's strange blend of chill news and cheer

With the pre-Christmas toasts already flowing Distillers Company, the Scotch whisky to gin conglomerate, rolled out a set of interim profits which should have sobered up its most enthusiastic supporters.

Against City expectations of perhaps a depressing £70m it produced £64.9m and immediately the City's not inconsiderable army of drink researchers started talking in terms of the year's profits being about £170m. This compares with £200m last time.

Since DCL, as the White Horse, Johnnie Walker Scotch and Gordon's gin giant is known, disclosed just how cheerless the spirit business has become, its shares have turned on the sort of enthusiastic performance reserved for a group bubbling in joyous anticipation of scintillating profits.

Last night, as the rumours swirled, the shares hit 266p their best for 1983/84. When the new chairman, John Connell, produced the interim they were at 220p.

DCL has performed poorly in recent years. Profits growth since 1978 has been depressing, and in real terms the shares have been a sad disappointment to all but the most avid Scot whose pocket is secondary to his pride.

So what is going on? The City is feasting on rumours. Some maintain that it is all a ramp with the stockbrokers caught on the hop.

But talk of a bid or an institutional-led pressure party will not die down. With the cash rich DCL accounting for such a valuable slice of our exports and with the strong Scottish lobby, there is little doubt that an overseas bid would fail.

British bid thoughts must be dominated by assessing the few with the ability and

the fire power to mount an offer. At last night's close DCL is valued at £966m. So a successful bid would cost about £1,500m. There are not many companies with the muscle to mount such a take over, even in these days as we near the £1,000m offer.

Beecham Group, with its excellent marketing skills, perhaps Unilever. Rank outsiders like British Petroleum must be on the fringe of any discussion. So must Grand Metropolitan, although the Monopolies Commission would not doubt be called in because of its existing drink interests.

City institutions could be behind it all. Many must be dismayed at the weakness over the years of their DCL shares. And they might be applying the pressure.

Some, perhaps the more deep-thinking souls, suggest DCL, under Connell, realises that after Woolworths, Rank Organisation and so on, it must pull out all the stops. Its basic business cannot, in today's conditions easily respond although the latest statistics suggest that spirits sales in Britain could at last be improving. Therefore, they muse, a DCL defensive bid, perhaps for the Bank of Scotland or Scottish and Newcastle Breweries, will materialize.

Others, however, wonder if the bout of share-buying is related to what must be the possibility of a dramatic profits upsurge should world demand pick up.

After all it is agreed that Scotch stocks around the globe are at their lowest level for years. Imagine what it would do for DCL profits if, suddenly, wholesalers and retailers felt obliged to cover themselves by filling the gaps in their shelves with such old faithfuls as Johnnie Walker and White Horse.

### Power of the Gower report

The Department of Trade is reviewing Professor Jim Gower's report on protection for investors. But the report has greater significance than might appear at first sight, not least for the Stock Exchange Council which is looking at its own position in the post-Parkinson era.

But either way relations between the Stock Exchange and the Department of Trade and Industry over one especially contentious point, insider dealing, must be of the best. Unfortunately, they are not.

Insider dealing was made illegal in 1980. Since then, there have been three prosecutions, all guilty pleas. But what has not been previously published is the number of referrals made by the Stock Exchange to the Department.

The have topped 60. Not 60 "ifs" or "maybes", but 60 referrals where the exchange thought there was a good chance of prosecution.

The Stock Exchange inspectorate reviews thousands of suspect price movements. It first checks with the jobber to see what deals were done and then with the broker doing the business to see for whom it is being done.

Before 1980, the exchange and the Takeover Panel would issue a joint statement disclosing the name of the

company in whose shares insider trading had taken place and the people involved. Usually a cheque was made out to a worthy charity and in more serious cases further action would be taken. The number of such statements issued in the three years before 1980 vastly exceeded the number of prosecutions instituted by the regulatory authorities.

But the admittedly over-stretched resources of the DTI are further strained by such investigations. The DTI said that they must have a substantial case, fully supported by evidence for the court. The DTI told *The Times*: "It is very difficult to gain the necessary evidence to prove collusion. It is usually one man's word against another."

At best, that is an over-simplification. As all those closely connected with the stock market know, insider dealing goes on and on a large scale. It is certainly greater than the minnows sacrificed so far.

While the thought of a British equivalent of the American Securities and Exchange Commission sends a shudder through City corridors, regulation must be seen to be effective. The resources necessary for that have to be made available if public confidence is to be sustained.

## Dollar surge comes, but world markets firm

By Frances Williams, Economics Correspondent

The dollar continued its record-breaking run on international currency markets yesterday, reaching a 10-year high against the Deutschmark and pushing sterling and the franc to new lows.

But the dollar's strength failed to put the world's stock markets off their stride. In London the FT index of 30 leading shares jumped 10.7 to a record 794.3 and records were smashed in Tokyo and Sydney.

The pound fell to \$1.4040 in early trading yesterday, depressed by renewed fears of lower oil prices. It recovered slightly closing in London at \$1.4070, down half a cent on the day and a loss of 4.45 cents on the week. A prediction from the International Energy Agency of slack oil demand in the early part of the year, coupled with reports that Oman was selling cut-price oil to Japan, reignited concern that North

Sea prices could come under pressure, and hence the petrodollar surge.

After opening a little easier, the dollar surged ahead, reaching DM2.81 for the first time in 10 years before finishing in London 1.15 pence higher at DM2.8085. Since the end of last week, when it fell sharply in thin holiday trading, the dollar has gained 8.65 pence while its average value has risen by 1.5 per cent.

Dealers confessed to some surprise at the dollar's unchecked ascent yesterday. They had expected more profit-taking, especially since dollar interest rates were slightly easier and the American money supply figures, due to be released late last night, were expected to show a fall of about £1,000m.

There was speculation in Frankfurt yesterday that central banks had been intervening in

### £2bn added to shares

The London stock market continued to make the most of buoyant conditions elsewhere in the world yesterday by extending its record-breaking run.

Over £2,000m was added to the value of share prices as the FT index rose a further 10.7 to 794.3 - just 5.7 short of the important 800 barrier.

Dealers were in jubilant mood with most of the activity again centred on the leaders and various situations. Price movements were exaggerated by the stock shortages among jobbers.

Gilt also recovered from a hesitant start to close with rises of up to 25p in late trade, despite the continued nervousness of the pound on the foreign exchange, which slipped to a record closing low against the dollar of \$1.4070.

#### (STOCK EXCHANGES)

FT Index: 794.3 up 10.7  
FT All Shares: 483.63 up 6.19  
Bergains: 20,856  
Dataseam USM Leaders Index: 101.35 up 0.4  
New York: Dow Jones Industrial (latest) Average: 1281.30 down 0.94  
Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Index: 9,981.25 up 14.39  
Hongkong: Hang Seng Index: 909.56 up 28.57

#### CURRENCIES

##### LONDON CLOSE

Sterling \$1.4070 down 55pts  
Index 81.7 down 0.2  
DM 3.9550 unchanged  
FF 12.0575 down 0.0025  
Yen 327.50 down 1.75  
Dollar Index 131.3 unchanged  
DM 2.8085 up 0.0115  
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Sterling \$1.4085  
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Domestic rates:  
Bank base rates 9  
Finance houses base rate 9½  
Discount market loans week fixed 9  
3 month interbank 9½-9¾  
Euro-currency rates:  
3 month dollar 9½-9¾  
3 month DM 6-5½  
3 month FR 13½-13¾  
US rates:  
Bank prime rate 11.00  
Fed funds 9½  
Treasury long bond 10½-10¾

### Harris offer for Stylo expostulates Gleneagles postpones rights vote

By Jonathan Clare

The Harris Queensway carpet and furniture retailing operation of Mr Philip Harris has been bought by a 5.1 per cent stake in Bradford's Stylo shoe business with every indication that it intends to make a full bid.

Stylo's directors said yesterday that they had been told by Mr Harris that he was buying 10 per cent but that it was not clear whether the company intended to make a full bid.

However, the City believes strongly that Mr Harris will make an offer for the company, which must be agreed with the 21st family directors who hold all the controlling management shares.

Mr Harris said: "We had lunch yesterday and we parted very good friends. The Harris stake was bought at just over



Harris: still good friends

175p - close to the market price - but news of the deal sent the shares up by 80p to close at 255p, valuing Stylo at more than £26m.

The main attraction of Stylo is its chain of 244 high street

shoe shops, the Barrat name.

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Mr Harris wanted to move retailing business scope to use swag's aggressive niques. He would about 100 shoe

The manager Poundstretcher drawn from Stylo price Pennywise know the Stylo Harris Queensway of 40 Poundstretcher has already reached

### Texaco bids £921m for Getty stake

By Philip Robinson

Texaco, America's third largest oil company, yesterday entered the family feud over future ownership of the Getty Oil Company. It has agreed to pay \$1.36 billion (£921m) for the 11.8 per cent of Getty Oil currently owned by the J. Paul Getty Museum.

The oil major has also proposed what it describes as a business combination which is being recommended to the Getty board by its management and also has the support of Mr Gordon Getty, the trustee of the Sarah C Getty Trust, which owns 40 per cent of Getty Oil.

The new deal looks like a change of heart for Mr Gordon Getty who was masterminding an \$8.7 billion merger for Getty Oil with the Texas oil group Pennzoil, a group a third the size of the Getty empire.

Earlier this week his niece, Ms Claire Engle Getty, was seeking a temporary restraining order on the deal, which would have involved the trust and Pennzoil together acquiring the whole of Getty Oil.

Texaco said yesterday that the directors of Getty would be considering the business combination proposal yesterday and expected to reach a further information late last night.

A Texaco spokesman refused to discuss details of the business combination and a Pennzoil spokesman was unavailable for comment.

At \$125 a share the whole of the Getty Oil is valued at \$11 billion (£7.9 billion). A full bid would be the largest ever made.

The move comes despite statements from Wall Street analysts on Thursday that the \$110 a share bid from Pennzoil and the trust was a good price for Getty.

Last year, Getty shares traded between \$33 and \$80 a share, but are estimated to have a net asset value of \$153 a share.

### Alcan in deal with A

By Our Financial Staff

deal, details of which revealed until now, include a primary smelter and three in the United States. The facilities are either built or have only been commissioned.

A big revival in minimum industry last led to big price improvements in production.

Other assets involved in the

#### NEWS IN BRIEF

### Wall Street shares forge ahead

New York (AP - Dow Jones) - Wall Street shares were forging ahead in early trading yesterday after spending the first part of the session mixed.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 3½ points. It was down by a similar amount earlier.

Advancing issues, which led throughout the session, made 3-to-2 over declines. Trading was heavy.

● Mr David Newbould, who stepped down last year as chairman of Jardine Matheson, has resigned from the board of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. His place is expected to be taken by Mr Simon Kesswick, who succeeded him at Jardine.

● BP, which won the first contract to drill for oil in the South China Sea, is expected to announce next week that oil has been found at the first attempt. Further drilling will, however be necessary to determine the size and commercial viability of the finds 200 miles offshore in the Pearl River basin.

● Walter Runciman, the shipping and freight group, is closing its John Tann security products factory at Billericay, Essex, with the loss of 220 jobs.

#### GOLD

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Due to pressure on space the Family Money unit trust performance tables have been held over. Next week we will publish performance figures and the names of the winners of *The Times Money Programme Unit Trust Competition*.

### Intasun directors sell shares to US concern

By Our Financial Staff

Mr Harry Goodman and his fellow directors at Intasun, the aggressive holiday and airline business, have sold more than 5m of their own share holdings in the company to US investors.

The 2 million shares, equivalent to about 3.5 per cent of Intasun's total equity, have been sold to Templeton Investment Counsel, a Florida-based investment advisory service on behalf of unspecified clients.

The company said yesterday that Templeton had previously approached it about taking a stake. The directors decided to sell on the second approach because they are keen to broaden the institutional shareholdings.

Intasun is well known in Florida because it flew British holiday-makers there when the

pound was strong and because of a leasing agreement, now terminated, with Air Florida for a Boeing 757 aircraft. Air Florida's creditors yesterday filed a bankruptcy petition.

Templeton bought the shares at almost 150p, a discount to the market price of 165p.

The deal reduces Mr Goodman's personal stake in the company by 2 per cent. The next largest shareholder is Sir James Hill & Sons, a company controlled by Sir James Hill, with 12.2 per cent.

Templeton has about £1.5m of funds under management. Intasun has successfully spread its shareholdings among the institutions since coming to the Unlisted Securities Market in 1981. It has since achieved a full quote.

### Holmes à Court faces challenge

### Bond in £31m TV takeover

From Jan Mayman, Perth

The extrovert West Australian entrepreneur Mr Alan Bond, who tasted triumph in the America's Cup, has won control of Swan Television and Broadcasting in Perth, his home town. It took him just five days and cost £31m.

The total cost was not much to pay for a television licence. Mr Bond said in his Perth bedroom, which is near the office of Mr Robert Holmes à Court, the ACC chief.

Mr Bond said he would be challenging enthusiastically for Mr Holmes à Court's TVW7 station, his only rival in the lucrative Perth commercial television market. Each has a 50 per cent share.

"Competition breeds excellence," Mr Bond said firmly. Hinting at international media ambitions, he said he would like to bring the outside world closer to isolated, insular West Australia.

He would also like to use television to promote his adopted homeland and its vast potential, he said. Mr Bond, aged 45, and born in England,



Bond: 'Competition breeds excellence'

added that he was living proof that Australia was still a land of extraordinary opportunity for the bold.

Today Mr Bond was due to fly to Europe on business.

The man who made Mr Bond's latest victory so swift is his brother-in-law, Mr Bill Hughes junior, another Perth millionaire, and second biggest stockholder when Mr Bond began his move last Monday. Mr Hughes was at first

uncertain whether to accept the Bond offer, he said, even though it valued his shares at £3.8m. Friends say the two men have always maintained a polite distance between each other.

Then, overnight Mr Hughes decided the offer was too good to refuse and voted to sell along with five other Swan directors who stand to share almost £15.5m from the sale of the 49.9 per cent shareholding.

On Thursday, the day he sold, Mr Hughes left for a walking holiday in the Himalayas where he will have time to recall the directors' shareholding was worth only £7.1m a month ago, when Swan shares were selling at £2.17.

Last Monday Mr Bond offered £4 and the directors declined - to receive a £4.65p offer the next day which clinched the deal.

If the TV company's net assets are still only worth £8.7m, Mr Bond is not worried. It has a great future, he believes, and already an attractive cash flow. Added to that are the current negotiations to sell the TV rights to the next America's Cup series in 1986.

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Furnished by Conran, it will have a complimentary bar, offer light refreshments and snacks and provide flight display information as well as Prestel, telex, photocopying and message service facilities.

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### Shorter notice

Woolwich Building Society is improving the terms on its Special Interest Share Account by reducing the notice period required for withdrawals from 90 days to 28 days.

The interest rate remains unchanged at 8.5 per cent net of basic rate tax and withdrawals on demand are available with a 28 day loss of interest penalty.

The return on the Monthly Income Account went up from January 1 from 8.25 per cent net of basic rate tax. The two year term shares have been withdrawn.

### Race to invest

A new business expansion fund from Granville and Co. the market makers in over-the-counter shares, will have its work cut out to get all its money invested by April 5, the 1984 deadline.

Wessex Business Expansion Fund hopes to attract West Country investment and has a majority of local directors on its board. The fund is limiting its intake to £750,000, because it is intended that the whole amount will be invested by April 5, 1984, and there will be less than three months to complete this by the time the fund closes on January 27, 1984," says Granville. "Several investments have already been lined up for the Granville BES Fund that

will also be available for Wessex BES participation," says Granville.

To qualify for full tax relief for investors, the fund has to be invested by the April 5 cut-off date.



Pup policies may help prevent your dog dragging you into debt

### Pet policies

Insuring that Christmas puppy for up to £200 will cost you £35 a year if you buy a Pupet policy from the Pru.

"A major selling feature of the plan is that the health of the animal at the time the policy is taken out is not taken into consideration. Any pre-existing diseases are covered under the scheme," says the Pru.

Payment of vet's fees is provided in the case of sickness or accident and there is no annual limit on fees, although no more than £100 will

be paid for any one illness or accident. As yet it is not possible to insure against being given a pet for Christmas.

### Attractive Japan

Prospects for Japan in 1984 look attractive say investment managers. Robert Fleming who manages the Jardine Fleming group of unit trusts. "Hongkong remains a volatile trading market for the strong nervous. The political risks still persist. But Singapore and Malaysia have completed a nine month period of consolidation, corporate profits are expected to rise between 20 per cent and 30 per cent," says Robert Fleming.

"Australia is attractive - not only have both the metals/minerals and the industrial sectors advanced considerably but we feel the political situation is harmonious for the first time in many years."

JF unit trusts invested in the Far East and Pacific Basin have appreciated by between 43.0 per cent (JF Australia) and 124.0 per cent (JF Japan Technology Trust) over the past 12 months.

### Leamington offer

A six month term share paying 9 per cent net of basic rate tax is on offer from Leamington Spa Building Society.

No withdrawals are allowed during the term of the share and the 9.0 per cent rate will vary with any changes in the basic recommended building society rate, but it is one of the most attractive returns on offer from the building societies.

The 9.0 per cent is equivalent to a before-tax rate of 12.85 per cent to a basic rate taxpayer. Minimum investment is £2,000 with a maximum of £30,000 or £50,000 with a joint account.

### Doubles for four

Four investment trusts more than doubled in value last year according to Wood McKenzie, the stockbrokers. They are Mid Wynd International, Japan Assets, New Tokyo and Bailia Gifford Japan.

Both Wood McKenzie and Laing & Cuckshank, the stockbrokers, produce comprehensive statistics on all investment trust performances.

### Home loans

## Insurance industry reaping the Miras harvest

### Increase in annual premiums at UK life companies in 1983

	£m	% inc on '82
Clerical Medical	31.7	35
Colonial Mutual	14.6	20
Legal & General	77.5	85
Norwich Union	86	65
Phoenix Assurance	32	14
Prudential Assurance	100.4	27
Royal Life	54.2	130
Scottish Widows	24	71
UK Provident	41.2	50

endowment linked mortgage policy. For those life companies which joined the panels this meant increases in premium income from new policyholders anything from 20 to 130 per cent last year. For their part the building societies negotiated a deal whereby they received the 15 per cent commission on the issue of new policies normally granted to insurance brokers.

Yet even the two companies which refused to offer building societies any more than 1 per cent commission for new business - Scottish Widows and UK Provident - preferring instead to keep faith with the insurance brokers who had served them in the past, 1983 was a good year. Mr Frank Atrill, marketing manager at

Scottish Widows, says that even though its decision on commissions meant that the company was not invited to join any building society panels there was an increase of 71 per cent in new annual premium income last year to £24m.

Of this £9m was mortgage-linked business, a threefold increase on the previous year. Mr Atrill said that the decision to keep faith with insurance brokers paid-off because although it won less business from building societies than other life companies, it managed to win a larger proportion of business from those homeowners who looked beyond the building society panels for insurance cover.

Mr Hugh Scorfild, general manager of Norwich Union, is confident that mortgage-linked sales will continue at a high level in 1984 and beyond. Last year the company reported a threefold increase in mortgage-linked policies, issuing a record 7,900 policies each week in the peak months. By the end of the year this had fallen to 3,400.

At Prudential Assurance, Britain's largest life company, the story is much the same. In 1983 the group reported an increase of 27 per cent in new annual premiums to £100.4m most of which resulted from the introduction of Miras.

Andrew Cornelius

## January for wine buffs

On January 16, 18 and 19, Britain's big wine auction houses begin their New Year programmes with a flourish.

Christie's is first, with an "inexpensive" auction - a good opportunity, perhaps, to replenish one's stocks after Christmas. It is held in the South Kensington saleroom on January 16 at the popular time of 6pm, and effectively an end-of-the-sale as merchants clear small lines.

Sauvignons offer over 1,600 cases on January 18 at Bloomsbury Place, off New Bond Street, London, at 10am, with a tasting at the same place from 11.30am on the previous day. Claret from 1928 to 1979, for both laying-down and drinking now, as well as red and white Burgundies from 1951 to 1981, vintage Champagne, northern Rhone, white Bordeaux, West German and over 350 cases of

vintage Port under the hammer.

As a general trend, it will see the 1970s coming into demand and a dozen in the market for the main part.

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been and is being paid for at usual instalment stages for a crop).

The traditional autumn increase in demand for wine also tips the balance in favour of the chaser. For buyers, there is likely to be such a favourable return on capital as the Claret, though not outstanding.

The flow of stock from many distinguished private collectors has not diminished. According to Sotheby's, prices of all categories of wine are higher compared to those two years ago, but only for younger Clarets and Burgundies can be bought quite cheaply in comparison with those demanded for the 1981 vintage Port and because the Chancellor is likely to reduce duties in his budget.

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# GT tops unit trust

G. T. European has earned the laurels for the top performing unit trust of 1983. The fund not only took the overall No. 1 spot, but outperformed its nearest rival in the European sector by a handsome 24 per cent.

The continent had some high flying stock markets in 1983. Star performers were Scandinavia, the Oslo Stock Exchange index up by more than 140 per cent. Danish and Swedish stock markets were more than 60 per cent higher. G.T. has been well represented in these countries and currently has over a third of its portfolio in Scandinavian stocks.

Another country where the group maintained a sizeable investment, particularly during the latter half of the past year, was France. The Paris bourse scored a 50 per cent gain during 1983. Apart from the inducement to put money in their domestic stock market, another positive factor has been the reduced number of stocks available for purchase following the government's nationalization measure in 1982.

However, Philip Gray, investment director at G.T., responsible for the success of the European fund does not attribute its achievement purely to special factors. What has been a much more telling consideration for him was "the

Current Value of £100 invested over 12 months to January 1, 1984

Trust	Value £
1. GT European	198.80
2. Abbey Japan	192.50
3. Abbey Japan	183.20
4. Crescent Tokyo	179.50
5. TSB Pacific	175.80
6. Hong Kong Japan	175.10
7. Henderson European	174.70
8. Overseas International Growth	174.50
9. Aitken Hume Energy & Resources	173.00
10. Tynfield Australian Securities	170.90

\* One-to-offer price, net income reinvested  
Source: Planned Savings Magazine

fundamental shift in economic policy through Europe reflecting a change from left of centre governments to right of centre administrations, combined with tax incentives to investors."

Clearly another factor has been the interest shown in Europe by overseas investors, particularly the Americans. There remains concern as to the impact on some of the smaller capitalization markets, if these investors should ever sell out in a big way. All in all, though, over the last year Europe appears to have gained a credibility as a place to invest in. It is unlikely to revert to the

investment backwater that it was once considered. Last year was also a good one for those trusts specializing in Japan and the Far East, with the notable exception of Hongkong. Fourteen of the top twenty for 1983 were either invested in Japan or its near neighbours.

American invested funds which featured strongly amongst the leaders at the half way stage last year have tended to hold back recently as investors ponder the future course of US interest rates. New Court America, managed by N. M. Rothschild & Sons, scored the best rise of the contingent of funds specializing in the US over the past 12 months with a 47 per cent gain. M & G American Recovery was a close runner up, just 0.25 per cent behind.

The UK market's performance last year should not be overlooked. The FT Actuaries All Share Index ended the year at an all time peak having marked up a capital gain of 23 per cent over 1983. The best performance by a predominantly UK invested fund was achieved by Target Special Situations with a 67 per cent increase. Nearly a fifth of this rise, in fact, came during December, helped by some useful rises by a couple of oil holdings, Candoca and Eglinton Oil & Gas, where the trust had a substantial stake.

## Home loans

# New Year cheer for buyers

With two of the banks making a reappearance in the home loan market, albeit at a higher mortgage rate, and the societies pulling money in at a rate of knots, homebuyers should find it relatively easy to obtain a mortgage.

The societies have taken in about £800m during December - a very high figure for what is traditionally a poor month with investors withdrawing money for Christmas presents. Net receipts in December 1983 were just £490m.

Lending is running at more than £1,000m monthly and there is no sign of any slackening in demand so the societies are unlikely to make any moves to cut either investment or lending rates.

There is no meeting of the Building Societies Association Council in January but the chairman's committee this week decided that a cut in rates was definitely not on.

Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society said yesterday that it expects its lending to increase this year to outpace

mortgage or not", says the C&G.

The attitude of most societies now is to pay enough to investors to ensure sufficient funds for borrowers preventing the build-up of mortgage queues.

In recent years increases in lending have been essential simply to keep pace with rising house prices. But with house prices moving up last year by only 10 to 15 per cent, any increase in lending above this figure means a greater number of home loans. During the first three quarters of 1983 the societies granted a total of 604,000 home loans compared with 725,000 for the same period last year.

Over the last two years the Cheltenham & Gloucester has increased lending by 132 per cent, the Leeds Permanent by 59 per cent and the Woolwich by 52 per cent. And with two of the high street banks coming back into the home loan market, the outlook looks bright.

# GT

## Top Fund Managers of 1983.

GT unit trusts have an enviable record of consistently good long term performance.

1983 was no exception. And, as you will see from the press headlines in recent weeks, the national newspapers have been more than complimentary about GT's investment abilities. The Observer also gave us their Fund Manager of the Year award for 1983.

This coveted award proves that the average performance of all GT funds was superior to that of any other unit trust group in 1983.

It demonstrates consistently good performance right across the range of funds and is further proof of the success of GT's philosophy of producing steady results through concentration on main market funds and avoiding sector gimmicks.

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Beyond that, you should rely on us to choose the sectors and the stocks to produce results.

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Performance figures for the twelve months to 1st December, 1983, published



in Money Management and Planned Savings show that GT's European Fund is not only top of its category, but outperformed all the UK's 600 unit trusts.

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That means your money has the best possible opportunity to grow in the chosen market - US, UK, Europe or the Far East. But remember that the price of units and the income from them can go down as well as up and you should look on your investment as a long term one.

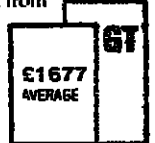
Right now, we are confident that the outlook for the world's main capital markets is favourable.

So make your choice from one of the four main market funds on offer here. Or, if you prefer, talk to your professional adviser.

## Here are 4 good reasons why GT should always be among the leaders

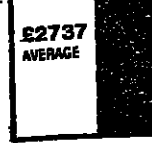
### GT European Fund

Proven to be the top performing fund in the twelve months to 1st December, 1983, this fund gives investors a well-spread portfolio in all the major continental markets. There is a base holding of core stocks. £2110 (1 Year)



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This £30 million fund invests in US equities with the aim of achieving capital growth. The emphasis is on high quality North American companies selected by our office in San Francisco. It is your way to share in the potential growth of the world's largest economy, well set on its recovery path.



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### GT Japan & General Fund

The aim of this fund is to achieve capital growth from a spread of investments in Japan with particular emphasis on growth companies. GT believes that Japan has one of the soundest economies in the world with well above average growth prospects. The £64 million fund is managed from our office in Hong Kong, backed by our research team in Tokyo.



Note: The performance figures shown in the charts above compare £1,000 invested in GT Funds with sector averages over the five year period to 1st November 1983 (European Fund over one year). The figures assume all net income reinvested and are on an offer to offer basis. Source: Planned Savings.

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Gross yield 0.3	Gross yield 0.2	Gross yield 1.7	Gross yield 1.1

Applications will be acknowledged and certificates will normally be issued within six weeks. An initial charge of 5% is included in the offer price. An annual charge of 1% + VAT of the capital value of the funds is deducted from the gross income of the funds to defray the management expenses. (1% in the case of GT Capital Fund) Subject to this annual charge and net of tax, income is allocated to Unitholders twice a year as follows:-

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GT Japan & General	April 21	October 21
GT Capital	April 21	October 21
GT European	April 21	October 21

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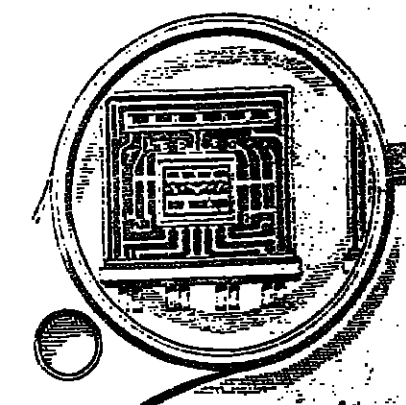
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Boat Show 1984

# How to purchase and insure your floating dream

Sales at this year's Boat Show are expected to reach record levels as an expected 250,000 visitors flock to Earls Court to feast their eyes on the array of yachts, speedboats and cruising craft.

This year there are over 800 exhibits, ranging from windsurfers at under £100, to the Hatteras 53ED, a twin-diesel motor-cruiser which has already been sold to a British buyer for £460,000.

Clearly, buyers in the latter price bracket are unlikely to have difficulty finding the cash, but if you want to buy a boat, where can you borrow the money and how much will it cost?

Banks and finance houses which are represented at this year's Show include Lombard North Central, Midland Bank, Forward Trust, Lloyds Bank, Lloyds Bowmaker and Security Pacific Trust - all eager to cash in on boating enthusiasts' inability to resist the vessels on sale.

As with any large purchase, it is almost certainly best to arrange finance through a bank. But some of the package schemes on offer at the show do have some special features.

For smaller purchases, a personal bank loan, which will cost about 15 to 19 per cent is probably the cheapest way to borrow. But there is the drawback that banks will generally lend for only three years at the most. This may make the repayments onerous.

"We basically offer two facilities", explains Mr Ian Pringle of Lombard North Central (LNC). "We can provide unsecured personal loan-

type finance - but with a maximum repayment period of up to five years - or for larger sums we do marine mortgages. Personal loans are available up to a maximum of £5,000 - but at a 29.5 per cent annual percentage rate (APR).

The cost can be cut by paying £8.50 to become a member of the Royal Yachting Association, in which case the LNC scheme will cost only 22.5 per cent. Monthly repayments on a £3,000 loan over five years work out at £80.26.

For bigger vessels a marine mortgage will be more appropriate - and it is cheaper because the loan is secured against the boat in much the same way as a house mortgage.

The interest rate charged by LNC is a variable 3.5 per cent above the finance houses' base rate - currently 9.5 per cent. This means your borrowing is costing 13 per cent - about what you would pay for a bank overdraft. A loan can be spread over one to seven years and there is a minimum of £5,000, but no official maximum.

LNC believes it does more of this sort of business than any other finance house and maintains that it is the market leader. At the moment, an LNC seven-year loan on a marine mortgage will cost £18.46 a month for every £1,000 borrowed.

Having bought your boat, you will need to insure it. For smaller ones, package policies are available and if the boat belongs to a class like Mirror dinghies or Lasers, it will pay to insure through the class association.

Specialist brokers, such as



Yachts for sale: banks and finance houses at this year's Boat Show will be helping buyers pay for their choice

Knox Johnston and Newton Crum (both represented at the Show) can advise on insurance for anything from a canoe to a multi-million pound ocean-going motor-yacht.

Mr Tim Cooper of Knox Johnston, said: "Insurance rates take into account whether the boat is a sailing yacht, a motor-cruiser or a fast speed-boat. For standard boats like Moodys or Westerslys, you will basically be paying around £80 to £90 for each £10,000-worth of cover."

This is for a vessel based in a south coast marina. A motor-cruiser, similarly based, with a speed not exceeding 17 knots will cost £110 for each £10,000-worth of insurance.

Basic perils covered include collision, stranding, sinking, running aground, as well as fire and theft. But if you are going to

investors in Vanbrugh Currency Fund will be able to switch holdings into Holborn Currency Fund without charge, as will other investors provided they make the move before the end of this month.

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Application has been made to the Commission of the European Communities for all the Participating Redeemable Preference Shares to be admitted to the Official List.

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Copies of the Prospectus (on the terms of which alone applications will be considered) and the Application Form may be obtained from: Prudential Portfolio Managers Limited, 142 Holborn Bars, London EC1N 2NH.

Rowe & Pitman, City-Gate House, 39/45 Finsbury Square, London EC2A 3AT.

The Prospectus was advertised in full with an Application Form in the Financial Times and the Daily Telegraph on Saturday, 7th January, 1984.

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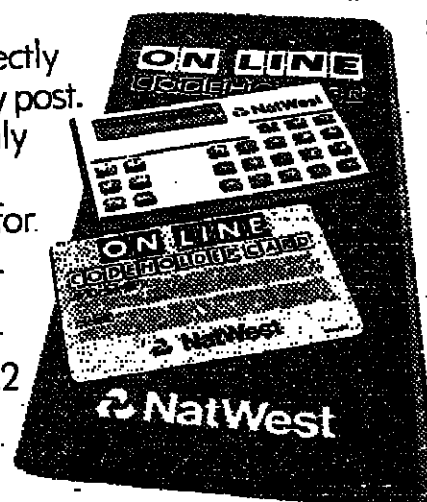
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# Lillee swansong finishes Pakistan

# Statistical shadow over Bradman

Blackheath and Hounslow, who have 13.

# The frail lass who ran into history without a record

noon, the result of England's attempt to wrest the home players' title from Scotland will be known.

The England squad was better prepared for the Crystal Palace match than for Edinburgh. The team announced only on Wednesday, however, contain eight players from the Crystal Palace side who had been in the national side.

In a strong Southgate side away today at Beckenham in the premier division of the London League Southgate have played three matches so far in the premier division, losing only to Hounslow.

Spencer, ably assisted by the Rehncy brothers, are hoping for full points against Tulse Hill. If they succeed, they will be third in the league.

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## Scotland favoured

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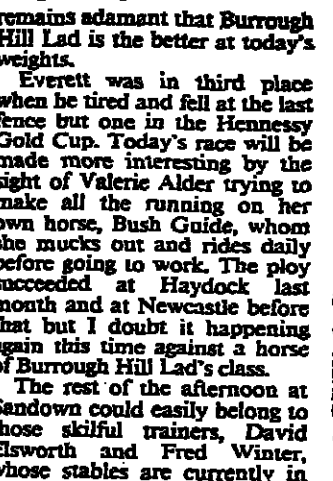




## SIGNAL WINNER

# The weighty case for Canny Danny

By Michael Seely



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Dec 17. Pyralidae latest fall, has some useful  
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6 **DB** **BAHRAIN PEARLS (Mrs E Guest)**  
7 **01** **CHILDOWN (R Camford-Turner) n**  
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9 **22** **EASTER LEE (BF) (Mrs M Hurd)**  
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2 **EVERSEAL (BF) (Mrs D Bedding)**  
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4 **HAZEL NUT (M Bencks) M Benks 1**  
5 **ORANGE REEF (M Gileston) G King**  
6 **DULA OWL (Mrs C Claverhugh) J**  
7 **PIP (M) (Gen Sir J D Avondor-God**  
8 **PROWINDANTE (S Tindale) S Melro**

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0	SHENTON WAY (Miss W Redman)	
0	SOBER & MERRY (H Piggott) D C	
0	SOUTHERNAIR (H Fowler) P Haydn	
1	STAR OF IRELAND (H Pink) J A	
2	TELEPHONE NUMBERS (H Nigro)	
3	TO-ONERO-MOU (H Dargatzis) J D	
4	TOURNAMENT LEADER (D Mercier)	
4	WELSH CAK (R) (S Arney) D C	230
5	WORTHY (D A Whistler) D C	
5	WORDSWORTH (D A Whistler) D C	
1	F HAND MAID (Mrs P Townsley) Mrs	
0	STEVES QUEEN (K Roberts) Mrs	
4	WHENEVER (D P Williams) D B	
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8-4 Easter Lea, 7-2 Chidown, 8-2 Eversal, 5-4  
14, 14 others.

10K Chidown (10-9) won 31 from Shenton Way (10-9)  
Dec 27, Eversal (10-10) 2nd beaten 1st to South  
good Dec 28, Orange Reef (11-0) 2nd beaten 1st

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## Warwick

28 4:45 NEW PLANET  
6-4 Brunton Park, 7-2 M  
10 Native Break, 12 Biddy C  
2.45 BONUSPRINT H  
(13)  
4 1-000 MR MOONRA  
5 0-140 STANS PRIDE  
7 02-00 WOLLOW WIL  
8 01-00 RAG DANCER  
10 010-0 JUNGLE JIM D

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M O'Halloran	12	2106	JOHN J. BROWN
C Jones	13	3119/	HIDROSOB PAZ
R Barlow	15	2630	NUMERATE
R R Dunwoody 7	17	2422	ASH KONG
P Murphy 4	18	0332	SEA PENNANT
C Martin 4	18	39-10	JAMES PRESSON
D S K Mooney	21	6101	HAFORD JC
K Burton 7	3	Wallow Wk, 9-2 Hartford	
J H Davies	10	33 Price, Rag Harbor	
P Carver	10	Forest State, Ridge Rd	
E Wallace	10	Forest State, Ridge Rd	
L East Gumbo	10	Forest State, Ridge Rd	
S 20 others.	10	Dec 28, Sun Pleasant (7-21) by with Harrodsburg (June 1250)	
cap: 23,535:	10	Harford (1-17) won 2 <sup>nd</sup> from now held Oct Dec 28. John Sawfield (ret 70) 2d run. Luce SELECTION: Harrodsburg	
Duggan 7	3.15	MYTON CHASE	
B Smith Colgate			

**Captain Phillips, one of the three-day event riders, says in both disciplines she**

<p><b>10</b> Crank  <b>11</b> M. J. S. 100  <b>12</b> Southern  <b>13</b> Seward  <b>14</b> S. 100  <b>15</b> S. 100  <b>16</b> S. 100  <b>17</b> S. 100  <b>18</b> S. 100  <b>19</b> S. 100  <b>20</b> S. 100  <b>21</b> S. 100  <b>22</b> S. 100  <b>23</b> S. 100  <b>24</b> S. 100  <b>25</b> S. 100  <b>26</b> S. 100  <b>27</b> S. 100  <b>28</b> S. 100  <b>29</b> S. 100  <b>30</b> S. 100  <b>31</b> S. 100  <b>32</b> S. 100  <b>33</b> S. 100  <b>34</b> S. 100  <b>35</b> S. 100  <b>36</b> S. 100  <b>37</b> S. 100  <b>38</b> S. 100  <b>39</b> S. 100  <b>40</b> S. 100  <b>41</b> S. 100  <b>42</b> S. 100  <b>43</b> S. 100  <b>44</b> S. 100  <b>45</b> S. 100  <b>46</b> S. 100  <b>47</b> S. 100  <b>48</b> S. 100  <b>49</b> S. 100  <b>50</b> S. 100  <b>51</b> S. 100  <b>52</b> S. 100  <b>53</b> S. 100  <b>54</b> S. 100  <b>55</b> S. 100  <b>56</b> S. 100  <b>57</b> S. 100  <b>58</b> S. 100  <b>59</b> S. 100  <b>60</b> S. 100  <b>61</b> S. 100  <b>62</b> S. 100  <b>63</b> S. 100  <b>64</b> S. 100  <b>65</b> S. 100  <b>66</b> S. 100  <b>67</b> S. 100  <b>68</b> S. 100  <b>69</b> S. 100  <b>70</b> S. 100  <b>71</b> S. 100  <b>72</b> S. 100  <b>73</b> S. 100  <b>74</b> S. 100  <b>75</b> S. 100  <b>76</b> S. 100  <b>77</b> S. 100  <b>78</b> S. 100  <b>79</b> S. 100  <b>80</b> S. 100  <b>81</b> S. 100  <b>82</b> S. 100  <b>83</b> S. 100  <b>84</b> S. 100  <b>85</b> S. 100  <b>86</b> S. 100  <b>87</b> S. 100  <b>88</b> S. 100  <b>89</b> S. 100  <b>90</b> S. 100  <b>91</b> S. 100  <b>92</b> S. 100  <b>93</b> S. 100  <b>94</b> S. 100  <b>95</b> S. 100  <b>96</b> S. 100  <b>97</b> S. 100  <b>98</b> S. 100  <b>99</b> S. 100  <b>100</b> S. 100</p>	<p><b>3.45 LEASOWS HUN</b>  <b>1</b> 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100  <b>1</b> 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100  <b>1</b> 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100  <b>1</b> 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100  <b>1</b> 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100  <b>1</b> 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100  <b>1</b> 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100  <b>1</b> 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100  <b>1</b> 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73</p>
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OP: 27.50. CSP: 23.51. K White at Aston  
way, Ind, 181 Corinne Spear (12-1) 4th. 14  
LAGEPOT: 22.75.

**AL SCATCHINGS:** Schweppes Gold  
Handicap Hurdle Newbury, Hard To Be  
At. All engagements (dead): Cussey Boy,  
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G Gmy, Bragach Lady, Arctee,  
of Celtic Venture, Old Union, Krakar,  
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anger, Tweedled, Spratz,  
loom, Corna Valley.

By Michael

Many Danny, the conqueror of the title in that exciting finish to the Alliance Chase at the National Festival last March, and the Century Year's Chase at Haverhill, will be in the Haystack Park afternoon. The handicapper expects to take a chance with the 11-year-old gelding, who has been the best of the good boys for novices and there is no guarantee for wondering whether the Cheltenham Gold Cup hero can concede 11lb to this young horse.

Bitterness has revealed his ability this season. Century Year was beaten 43 lb when he finished fifth behind Baggins' stablemate, The Mighty Mac, in the Handicap Chase at Ascot in December. However, the 11-year-old has found a satisfactory solution for that poor display.

Many Danny fractured a knee in his younger days.

He said yesterday, "The first thought it might have been the absence of that trouble, as he is as well as usual. But when we got Canny Dugan back to where he had graved in his first, he became infected. He's in a precarious form now, and working for me no mistake. Gold Cup owners still take a great deal of care even when faced with these tasks. And Bregawn not only has class and ability but is beating Captain John at Rahmah, but also takes over from a near fatal liver fever at Newbury to sprint past the horse in the Hennessy Gold Cup the previous year."

With his only appearance this year Bregawn was travelling like a probable winner when he

# Haydock

g: good to soft

Double 1.45, 2.45. Treble 1.15

Division (BBC1) 12.45, 1.15 and 1.45

PHILIP CORNES HURDLE (n)

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00-1302 ANTIQUAM KONG (n) (See 1.45)

01 LEGAL EMPEROR (n) (n) (n) (n) (n)

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2 ANTOINE JOY (n) (n) (n) (n) (n)

2 BECHICHO (n) (n) (n) (n) (n)

040 BUB BROWN BEAR (n) (n) (n)

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4-30 KNOX'S COLLEGE BOY (n)

0040 KRIVION (N Burke) (n) (n) (n)

02 MISTER WHARF (n) (n) (n) (n) (n)

02 MERRY FROM AMERICA (n)

05-00 RUBY AND SAPPHIRE (n) (n) (n)

03 RICH LEAN RICH (n) (n) (n) (n) (n)

03 SANDICORRA (n) (n) (n) (n) (n)

03-04-04 SANDY SLIPPER (n) (n) (n) (n) (n)

00 ABNEY ROSE (A W Jones) (n) (n)

00-00 ANTONIO (n) (n) (n) (n) (n)

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 212-13 BATTLESHIP (M) 19-01-2000  
 4-Mur's Bay, 4 Stand Easy, 6 Juncos  
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wealthy on housing day. Despite ill plans for success, the maze and looks reasonably good as Cool Condition has subsequently landed a gamble in a competitive Great Hurdle at Newbury.

Cool Condition's partner, is on offer at 10-1. This seasoned campaigner beat some moderate opposition fluently at Market Rasen on Boxing Day, but succumbed to a similar fate at Sandown last week. Kristenson, Jungle Jim and Rufus are also contenders. But Mac's Park will be considered, but Mac's others have been discounted by the bookies, possibly by stripping the official assessor... .

In the opening Philip Cornes Novices Qualifier (12.45), opinion in the Dickinson camp is divided between Antony Joe, who thrashed the field at Slingshot, and Anthony Joe, whose money is being put on him to improve on his second visit to Eboracum at Catterick.

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 5 Legal Empire, 8 Carnival Ark, Run Lash Park  
**CHASE (F2,243: 2m) (6)**  
 10 Brandy D Nicholson 6-11-7      P Soudamirov  
 11 Brandy D Nicholson 6-11-7      M Bestard  
 12 Edinburgh Woodstock & Richers 7-11-3  
 13 Doughty  
 14 Brinscroun  
 15 W Slegden 5-10-7      P Lamb  
 16 T Turner, Tard 12 Chase town, 33 CP Baltic  
 17 Run, Warwick 2m now chaste good to soft DC  
 the 18th 11 run. Catterick 2m well made good Jan 2  
 CP (bowl) 7 run. Knapton 2m 7 run  
 18 Norton Cross (new) & Park, Newcastle 2m 120y

**DLE (handicap: ES,341: 2m) 40 (12)**  
 10 10-11-10      W Morris 4  
 11 10-11-10      W Vignar 4  
 12 10-11-10      J O'Neil  
 13 10-11-10      C Bailey 7-1-0  
 14 10-11-10      M Gifford 6-11-0  
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 16 10-11-10      M Gifford 6-11-0 (w)  
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